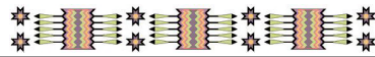




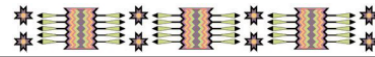
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2005 - 2006 Royalty crowned



Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents the 2005-06 Chickasaw Royalty. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant on Sept. 26. The Chickasaw Royalty are, front row, Little Miss Chickasaw Halley Taylor. Back row, from left, Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander and Junior Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi.

KADA moves to adult contemporary format

Ada and surrounding area radio listeners can now listen to adult contemporary favorites following a recent format change by the Chickasaw Nation's KADA-FM radio.

KADA had previously featured traditional country music. With the tribe's purchase of Ada country music station KYKC,

the format change made sense.

"We knew our market didn't require two country music stations, so KADA now features popular music from the 1970s, '80s and 90s, plus some

current music," KADA general manager Roger Harris said.



"This is a popular format that is sometimes referred to as 'soft rock'."

The tribe maintains its powerful country music presence in the

Ada market with 50,000-watt KYKC. The new KADA adult contemporary format is designed to appeal to adults ages 25-54.

A group of core artists is featured in the new format, including Elton John, Billy Joel, the Eagles, Fleetwood Mac,

See *Cool 99.3 FM*, page 19

Search and Rescue team saves lives in New Orleans

The Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team traveled to New Orleans just four days after that city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The team worked among the chaos and devastation for five days before returning to Ada.

"We saw everything you could imagine," team director Ron Scott said. "It was overwhelming at first. But our mission was to locate and help people still living in the city, and we were determined to achieve that mission."

The team arrived very late Sunday night, September 4. Directed along a certain route, the team soon discovered the checkpoints had been changed. Gunshots were heard. Cell phones didn't work. Communications were confusing.

"I have been the director for eight years, but I had never showed up two states away to complete a mission and there be no one there to meet us, and no real plan," Scott said.

After the initial challenges, the team was connected with Oklahoma City's 45th Infantry Brigade, commanded by Brigadier Gen. Deering. Once hooked up with the 45th, Scott said, the team's mission started to take off in the right direction.

Housed at the old Walmart store near the New Orleans convention center, team members started to work Monday morning. Gen. Deering instructed the team to meet with members of the 45th, and a plan was developed.

The team studied tactics maps of the city and pinpointed areas that required search for survivors. The team had no boats, so the military and New Orleans police directed team members to commandeer boats.

"There were boats floating around everywhere," Scott said. "We would just select a boat, check the gas, hotwire it and we were off. A lot of the boats looked as if they had been prepared for the people to escape.



Ron Scott

They just didn't have time."

In addition to the boats, team members often rode in HMTTs, large military vehicles that could drive through the water.

For the first two days of work, the team worked neighborhoods in search of people. The numerous different agencies involved in the operation often overlapped. Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team members soon determined many areas were experiencing less than complete checks.

"A number of the state task forces would say they had checked an area, but we learned from experience that what they considered 'checking' was a quick knock on a door, then moving on," Scott said. "We took a different tack."

That different strategy would pay big dividends for Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue on Wednesday.

The team approached an apartment complex that had been marked with paint, indicating the building had been previously checked and cleared. The team pulled up to the complex, saw dogs milling around the area and sensed movement in the building.

"This was a pretty tough side of town," Scott said. "We saw a man on a balcony of the building. I asked if I could visit with him. He was holding a radio and I could feel a lot of tension."

Scott talked with the man and

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 19, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Ron Frazier, Tony Thorton, Susie Johnston, Connie Brown, Emmett Brown, James A. Humes, Don Gahagan, Jessie Kemp, Tom Bolitho, Buck Cheadle, Mooniene Ogee, Jay Keel, Cynthia G. Johnson-Perkins, Taylor Perkins

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -

July 28, 2005

July 15, 2005

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the minutes of July 28, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes July 28, 2005 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander made amendments to the minutes of July 15, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of July 15, 2005 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2005, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Chairperson Briggs announced the Legislative Committee Report would be given at the end of the session.

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-068, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2006

This resolution approves the Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,847,000 and the Consolidated Governmental Budget in the amount of \$6,269,923,517.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR220-068. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Seawright offered an amendment to increase the Education Program line item by doubling the amount in the budget.

Ms. Hartman noted that \$3.4 million in the budget were uncommitted which can go to this increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend the Executive Department Budget, Line Item W. Education Programs, by increasing the line item by \$1 million. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Dr. Goforth Parker recommended increasing the budget as needed and consulting with a representative from the Education Department regarding the proposed increase.

A roll call was taken on the amendment.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

4 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 no votes

The motion to amend failed.

A vote was taken to approve GR22-068 as presented.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean

McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-068 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(B.) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(C.) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-066, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-066. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donn Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR22-066 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-067, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property and Lease and Construction of Office Building in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 2.26 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution also approves a Real Property Lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation and construction of an office building on property containing 2.26 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-067. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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Bill Anoatubby
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State of the Chickasaw Nation better than ever

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

My "State of the Nation" address during our recent Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival focused on the fundamental strengths of our tribe – Chickasaw families and children.

We have concentrated our efforts on helping our people live well and enjoy happy, productive lives. As I stated during the speech, "Our Nation can only be strong if our families are strong."

And our programs and services are focused on building on that Chickasaw tradition of strong families.

Over the past year, the tribe has provided assistance to more than 1,300 Chickasaw students. The tribe provided more than \$3 million in grants and scholarships during that time.

Nearly 7,500 young students have attended at least one of our

exceptional educational summer camps where they learn about space, leadership, the sciences, the environment and more.

Over 8,500 Chickasaw students across the country have become a part of the Governor's Honor Club, which recognizes exceptional academic achievement.

Our children are now reaping the harvest of our tribal investment in their educations. We are encouraging Chickasaw students to achieve in the classroom, and the tribal resources we dedicate to their educations are paying great dividends in success and satisfying career choices.

We have also made a major commitment to our Chickasaw family units. Assisting our families reflects our long tradition of supporting Chickasaw homes and making those environments stable, loving and prosperous.

Our family program has many facets, including marriage counseling and relationship enhance-



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

ment. We have invested in programs and professionals to help our treasured families understand family interaction. We encourage positive, loving relationships and healthy family life. How better could our resources be invested than in our families' and our children's happiness?

The physical and mental health of our Chickasaw families and children is, of course, of paramount importance. We know how much the Chicka-

saw people value the Chickasaw Nation Health System and the services CNHS provides. When we compacted in 1994 to provide Indian health care in our area, we understood the tremendous responsibility we were assuming.

During the "State of the Nation" address, I announced that we are undertaking a dramatic plan to expand and enhance Carl Albert Hospital and CNHS. We plan to more than double the size of Carl Albert and, most importantly, provide the medical services and professionals to make CNHS the undisputed leader in the very highest quality Indian health care. Improvements and expansion of inpatient services, women's health care, ambulatory surgery, diagnostic services and outpatient services represent the core of our plan.

We also plan a focused effort to expand and create programs for our people who live outside the Chickasaw Nation. I will

work with the legislature to add \$10 million in funding specifically for the purpose of providing new and existing programs to Chickasaws who live outside our tribal boundaries. This effort will be concentrated in the areas of health, education and employment. We want to make life better for all Chickasaws, regardless of where they live.

All these elements, and more, make our Chickasaw Nation better than it has ever been before. We have experienced tribal business and program success, but these successes are not a license to slow the progress for the Chickasaw people.

As your Governor, I pledge to make the coming year, and the years thereafter, times of great progress for our Chickasaw families and children, and for all Chickasaws. It is you we serve, and it is you for whom we will work to ensure the very best, very happiest and healthiest lives.

Chickasaw Census under way; citizen participation essential

Census forms were mailed September 20 to all Chickasaw citizens currently listed on the CDIB data base. The deadline to return forms is Oct. 18.

Completing a census form takes only a few minutes and is an essential step in the process of improving the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

More than 40 field representatives are working to assist with

completion of census forms.

Field representatives are wearing shirts bearing the census logo and carrying employee badges for identification. In addition to home visits, representatives will also be making phone calls to remind everyone to complete the forms.

"Everyone involved is working very hard to ensure every Chickasaw is accounted for

in this historic census," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Participation of all Chickasaws is essential to the success of this project which is focused on helping develop the best possible plans for the future."

Special incentives are being offered to every citizen who completes a census form.

Citizens who do not receive census forms may go to the Chickasaw Nation web site, www.chickasaw.net where census forms will be available

online.

For information or to request

census forms, call (580) 421-9001.



Tribal Election Secretary Rita Loder models the Chickasaw Census t-shirt given to citizens who turned in their census forms at Annual Meeting.

Counting the Reasons to Complete Census Forms

More than \$5,000 reasons to complete your forms

Because it is so important that each and every citizen is counted in this census, special incentives are being offered to everyone who completes a form.

- Each person who returns a census form will be entered in a special drawing for the chance to win up to \$5,000.

Prize awards include:

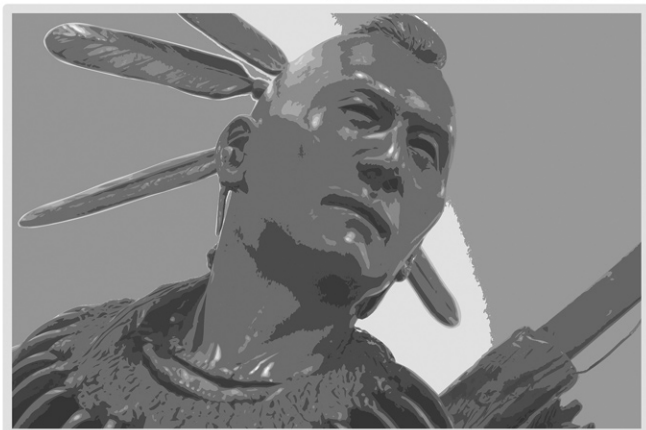
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| • 1 - \$5,000 award | • 2 - \$2,500 awards | • 5 - \$1,000 awards |
| • 10 - \$500 awards | • 20 - \$250 awards | |

Other incentives in addition to the cash prizes are also being offered

- Each of the first 125 people to return forms from the Chickasaw service area will receive a special commemorative pen with the Chickasaw Seal.
- Each of the first 125 people to return forms from the Western, Midwestern and Eastern regions of the United States will also receive one of the pens.
- Each person who completes a census form will receive a sports tote with the census logo.
- Each person who completes a census at the Annual Meeting or Cultural Evening during the Chickasaw Festival will receive a T-shirt and sports tote with the census logo.

For information or to request census forms, call (580) 421-9001.

everyone counts



Chickasaw Census 2005

Census field workers will be wearing shirts with this design.



Time as Chickasaw Legislative chairman rewarding



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Festival is here and everyone is busy! It is really an exciting time for all of us. Many events, many changes. The art shows and the displays of Chickasaw talent are awesome and make us proud beyond measure of our fellow Chickasaws. I wish every Chickasaw citizen could see the production on the final day of the Festival. Professional in quality, it is wonderful that the actors are actually our own employees and the script has been written by our employees.

I am finishing my second term as Chair of the Tribal

Legislature. It has not been an easy job but it has been one of the most personally gratifying experiences of my entire life. The responsibility of the position weighed on me at all times and I gave it my best. The Code limits any one person from serving more than two consecutive terms (each term a year).

On my "leaving," the Legislature presented me with an exquisite treasure which is a small walnut gavel handworked in a pattern of cut beads (almost 6,000, as a matter of fact) and it is more beautiful than I can describe. The beaded gavel

was designed and worked by our own Harold Stick (he is the Legislature's Sergeant at Arms) and he is an artist in the truest meaning of the work.

The gavel will forever be one of my most treasured possessions and will remind me of the great honor bestowed upon me by my fellow legislators. I am so humbled.

We are gearing up for a really great year. Many projects and programs are on the drawing board and especially gratifying are the work and planning going on to provide benefits to our citizens who live outside

the boundaries of the Nation. Much attention is being given in this area!

My wish for all of you is that wherever you live you are safe. We sometimes are concerned in our area over the possibilities (very real ones!) of tornadoes but our hearts are broken for the devastation experienced by the people who live in the New Orleans and surrounding areas from the hurricane. We pray for healing restoration for all of them. And for God's blessings on all of you.

Linda Briggs

Chickasaw hurricane victims can turn to tribe for help

Greetings from Oklahoma to all Chickasaws, and especially to those of you who have been directly affected by hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. I have noticed from my most recent mailing lists that many Chickasaws live directly in the areas devastated by these acts of nature. My hearts goes out to you, and I would like to be able to contact you. The entire nation watched

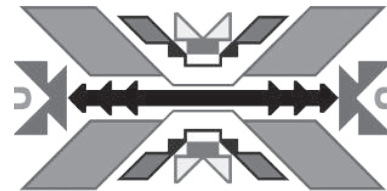
through the news media as the storms pummeled your areas. We urge you to contact us here if there is anything that we can do. I know that John Hilton's office can be contacted directly for assistance. It is in times such as these that we need to pull together and see what we can do to help. Please feel free to email me at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu or call 580-332-3840.

Please identify yourself as a Chickasaw in the subject line of your e-mail. That will assure me that I will see your e-mails. Let us remember that we are the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. As Chickasaws, that spirit of determination is within all of us.

Mere words cannot express my sorrow for your loss, and I encourage Chickasaws ev-

erywhere to reach out to your fellow Chickasaws in need. May God bless you during this time. I will continue to pray for you and hope that you will be contacting me.

Your Chickasaw Legislator
Judy Goforth Parker
Pontotoc District, Seat 2



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409

Ogee elected in runoff



Mooniene Ogee

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission conducted a runoff election for Pontotoc District Seat 3 on September 20. The two candidates in the runoff election were Melvin Burris, in-

cumbent, who received 1349 voters or 49.90751 percent and Mooniene Perry Ogee, who received 1354 votes or 50.09249 percent.

Mrs. Ogee will be sworn into office along with the winners of the Primary Election at 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 3 in the conference room of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Building in Ada, Oklahoma. The winners of the Primary Election include Pontotoc District Seat 4, Dean McManus; Pickens District Seat 2, Mitch Sperry; Tishomingo District Seat 3, Steven E. Woods; and Supreme Court Seat 3, Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred.

For more information, contact Ms. Rita Loder, election secretary, at (580) 310-6475 or toll free 1-888-661-0137.

CHR program continues to help Indian people today



Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hall of Fame reception, etc. Remember, this week is planned for you, the Chickasaw people. I do so hope that you will come and join us and celebrate being Chickasaw.

This month, the Human Resources committee approved the Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The NCAI has for many years been supportive of Native American issues. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on Indian issues. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing since the early 1980s. Because of its population of 40,000 citizens, the Chickasaw Nation is entitled to 180 votes at the NCAI national convention to be held this year in Tulsa.

I was a Community Health

representative (CHR) for 20 years and was honored to be asked to speak at the 20th annual conference of the Oklahoma Area Association of CHRs. I was remembered as the first president of the Association and they honored me with a plaque, crystal dish and Pendleton purse. The conference was held on September 19 - 23 in Tulsa and brought back many good memories. The theme of the conference was "Native American Survivors." And survivors they are! In fiscal year 1983, Congress came close to totally eliminating the CHR program. Only action from tribal governments and the CHRs themselves saved the program.

I attended the September meeting of the Chickasaw Nation Council of Elders. Theo Underwood, the new Veterans Coordinator, was guest speaker. We could tell that Mr. Underwood is very dedicated to his position because he gave a very

from-the-heart presentation of our veterans. Please help Mr. Underwood identify our Chickasaw veterans so that we can honor them. Please contact his office with your name and service information or if you are a widow or widower of a veteran and you are disabled or need any other assistance. His phone number is (580) 226-4821.

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) and the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging are planning a reception/dinner for Friday, October 28, in Tulsa for all the Oklahoma tribal

leaders to ensure that the 30 year anniversary NICOA conference will be the largest and most successful of all NICOA conferences.

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? I hope this finds you well and enjoying the first days of autumn.

We are very excited here anticipating the week-long Chickasaw Festival activities. I always enjoy so much the cultural demonstrations, princess pageant,

Health System plans major expansion



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

and workshops on crime, justice, wildlife, terrorism and substance abuse. Many of the sessions were led by legislators from various states and officials from Washington, D.C.

The Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs was excellent in his promotion of things beneficial to all veterans. The closing of military bases affects every state and our veterans' hospitals are responsible for providing health care to millions of veterans. I am a big supporter of our veterans and the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

Kudos to Governor Anoatubby for honoring our Chickasaw veterans! The Governor is providing jackets commemorating the service of our veteran senior citizens (over 60 years old). To receive an application, contact the office of Karen Cook, Administrator for Aging Services at (580) 795-9790 or by email to karen.cook@chickasaw.net.

Administrator Bill Lance treated the Legislators to an introduction of the Master Plan for the Health System on September 21. I must say that plans for expansion of the health facilities and services are almost

overwhelming. In a few short years or less, we will have much more to offer Chickasaws wherever they live. Mr. Lance also provided the following information:

In the month of August, 2005, there were 244 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 15,036. August Emergency Room visits were 1,089. August saw 316 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,680 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,883 patients in August. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,995 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,696. The Durant Clinic saw 2,631 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,482.

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Biological markers important for tracking missing children



Holly Easterling
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

that might someday aid in her daughter's identification.

None of us wants to even consider having a missing child of our own. Would you be prepared to immediately aid the police, search and rescue, the FBI, etc. should your child (or elderly parent/grandparent) go missing or even worse, be abducted?

My children have identification cards (thank you, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services) that show their picture and fingerprints but you can also do this at home. I keep their "ID cards" in my wallet at all times. Ms. McCall informed me that DNA collection on a child can be as easy as taking a hair sample, using a q-tip to swab the area around the bottom of the gums (let dry 24 hrs before storing) and having your child bite down on a cut out piece of foam plate just large enough to imprint their upper and lower teeth marks.

The next time he or she has a "boo boo," fold over the used bandage and keep it. All items in your homemade DNA "kit" can be safely stored in a ziplock bag in the freezer indefinitely. It is my sincere hope that you never need to retrieve the contents due to a missing loved one.

Have a happy October and keep a watchful eye on our little Chickasaw ghosts and goblins.

I recently met and visited with Ms. Janis McCall, co-founder and executive director of One Missing Link, Inc., headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. She became involved in the "missing persons" advocacy more than 13 years ago after the abduction of Stacy, her youngest daughter. Stacy was 18 when she, a friend and her friend's mother disappeared.

It is a heart-wrenching story whose ending is still unknown. Ms. McCall still has no idea, to this day, what happened to her daughter and why. She fears the worst, however, and yearns for much needed closure that cannot be accomplished because she did not know the importance (13 years ago) of collecting biological evidence

September 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-069

Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Oracle Resources Oklahoma Limited Partnership, 13140 Coit Road, Suite 515, Dallas, Texas 75240, who submitted an acceptable bid of \$40.00 acre for a total bonus of \$200.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$50.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to the NE/4 NW/4 NW/4 of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 13 East, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-070

Recreational Lease No. G09-1585 in Bryan County

Explanation: This resolution approves a Recreational Lease No. G09-1585 on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as S/2 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 7 and the N/2 N/2 NE/4 NW/4 of Sections 18, Township 9 South, Range 9 East, Bryan County in favor of Terry Sullins, 2832 Treaty Road, Calera, Oklahoma 74730, covering a term of five (5) years, beginning on June 1, 2005, and ending on May 31, 2010. During the first year of the lease, the Lessee agrees to provide improvements to the property in lieu of rental payment by installing a permanent gate and to practice brush and weed control; the second year, the Lessee agrees to pay \$50.00 as rental payment, of which the

Chickasaw Nation will receive \$12.50, plus practice brush and weed control; the third through the fifth year the Lessee agrees to pay \$100.00 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 25.00 per annum, plus practice brush and weed control. Also, the Lessee agrees to maintain entrance gate to property to control public access to the Red River.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-071

Business Lease No. G09-1588 in Latimer County

Explanation: This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1588 in favor of Allegiance Communications, LLC, for use as a cable television satellite station, on lands jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as attract of land in Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 21 East, Latimer County, Oklahoma: Beginning 10 feet west of the SW corner of the Indian hospital land, thence south 100 feet, west 100 feet, north 100 feet, east 100 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.23 acres, more or less. This lease will cover a term of five (5) years, beginning on June 1, 2005, and ending on May 31, 2010, with a per annum payment of \$300.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$75.00 per annum.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,

General Resolution Number 22-072

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$6,961,455 for construction of administrative offices for the Division of Education.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes Votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 22-073

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year, and drafted in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the NCAI. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native American, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-074

Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolu-

tion authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for construction of a road upon property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of the SE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma, further described as beginning at a point on the West line, of said SE/4 a distance of 16.50 feet North of the SW corner of said SE/4, thence N 00 34'20" W along said West line a distance of 216.02 feet, to point on the present East right-of-way line on a curve to the left having a chord bearing of N 04 52'51" E and having a radius of 8,712.37 feet, an arc distance of 1676.93 feet, thence N 00 38'00" W along said right-of-way line a distance of 747.05 feet to a point on the North line of said SE/4, thence N 89 39'23" E along said North line a distance of 70.80 feet, thence S 01 08'37" W a distance of 180.49 feet, thence S 00 41'59" E a distance of 808.30 feet, thence S 02 33'08" W a distance of 196.00 feet, thence S 04 05'44" W a distance of 589.06 feet, thence S 08 05'31" W a distance of 718.01 feet, thence S 11 09'13" W a distance of 151.47 feet, thence S 89 37'41" W a distance of 27.94 feet to a point of beginning, containing 3.85 acres, more or less.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-075

Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way to Oklahoma Department of Transportation for construction of a road upon property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as: a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of the SE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma,

containing 8.60 acres, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's participation in the road project.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-076

Temporary Rights-of-Way Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a temporary right-of-way easement to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the construction of driveways for a road project described as four (4) parcels of land located in parts of SE/4 of Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 3.62 acres, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's participation in the road project.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-021

Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Sales Tax)

Explanation: This resolution repeals the tribal sales tax.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman

Legislative Committee

Yes Votes: Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Princess Pageant celebrates new Chickasaw Royalty

ADA, Okla. – The Ada Cougar Activity Center was packed with hundreds of guests who watched and cheered as new Chickasaw royalty was crowned at the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant on September 26 in Ada, Oklahoma.

KADA and KYKC Radio General Manager Roger Harris emceed the event with special co-host, the reigning 2004-2005 Chickasaw Princess, Shelly Wall.

After contestants were judged on written essay, interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise, the winners chosen to serve in 2005-2006 were Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander, 17; Chickasaw Junior Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, 15; and Little Miss Chickasaw Halley Taylor, 11.

"These talented young ladies join a distinguished list of dynamic Chickasaw women,"

said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We are proud they will serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw people during their upcoming reign."

The new princesses will spend the next year making more than 40 appearances on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation traveling across Oklahoma the country.

Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander, daughter of Bill and Lillian Alexander, is a senior at Amber-Pocasset High School.

"In becoming your 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess, it will enable me to give back to my tribe and open a doorway for new opportunities," Miss Alexander said.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Jaisen Monetathchi, a sophomore at Tishomingo High School, is the daughter of Dusk and Melanie Cravatt Monetathchi.

"We are all ambassadors by the way we live everyday," Miss

Monetathchi said. "The way we feel about who we are is the first thing people notice. I love answering questions people ask when I tell them I am Native American and predominantly Chickasaw. I always hope to leave them with a good impression of who the Chickasaw people are."

Little Miss Chickasaw Halley Taylor, daughter of Keith and Marsha Fulsom Taylor, is a sixth grade student at Byng Elementary School.

"I want to do things I've never done before and go places I have never been before," Miss Taylor said. "I like to meet new people and make new friends. I will do my best to represent my tribe and make the Chickasaw people proud."

Governor Anoatubby awarded each princess winner with a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

A special tribute was also paid to the princesses completing

their reigns as Chickasaw royalty for 2004-2005. Joining Miss Wall on stage were Chickasaw Junior Princess Tesia Worcester and Little Miss Chickasaw Sesi-ley Robertson.

Other candidates in this year's pageant were Whitney Christie,

Dancing Star Frazier, Ashley Hamilton, Kelsie Huffman, Janessa Monetathchi, Faithlyn Seawright, Kacie Seeley, Autumn Underwood and Krysten Wallace.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



From left, Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander, Junior Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi and Little Miss Chickasaw Halley Taylor.

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Sept. 12, 2005

Present: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs
Absent: Scott Colbert

Education Committee

Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green

Absent: Melvin Burris, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Sept. 12, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Holly Easterling, Steve Woods

Health Committee

Human Resources Committee

Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Melvin Burris, Donna Hartman

Land Development Com-

mittee

Sept. 12, 2005

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Steve Woods

Legislative Committee

Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Sept. 16, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Holly Easterling, Steve Woods

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Sept. 6, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Chickasaw officer donates military items from Iraq

JACKSONVILLE, Ark. – U. S. Army Captain Shawn Underwood, a Chickasaw, recently donated several special gifts to the Jacksonville Museum of Military History in his home state of Arkansas.

Capt. Underwood presented the museum with a flag and bayonet from an Iraqi training ground in Kirkuk, Iraq captured during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He also donated an American flag that flew over U.S. Forward Operating Base McHenry in Al Huwajah, Iraq and the uniform

he wore while serving.

Capt. Underwood, who is stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado, was deployed to Iraq from January 2003 through January 2004 for his first tour of duty. He has volunteered to return and expects to leave in October or November.

Capt. Underwood and his wife, Monica, have been married for eight years and have two children. He is the son of Chickasaw Nation Veteran Affairs coordinator, Thedo "Ted" Underwood.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

CNHS receives JCAHO accreditation

In August, the Chickasaw Nation Health System underwent a five day reaccreditation survey from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). JCAHO is considered a leading expert in establishing healthcare standards in the United States and internationally. The accreditation process is voluntary and is conducted every three years. The survey followed an extensive on-site review by two expert surveyors. Accreditation standards deal with organizational quality of care issues, the environment in which care is provided, safety, and service performance. The review found CNHS demonstrating compliance with these nationally recognized healthcare standards. "Our outstanding results can be credited to the tremendous efforts of all the staff who make up the Chickasaw Nation Health System," said Bill Lance, Administrator. "The achievement of these results reflects our commitment to quality and safety."

Court clerks complete training; Peacemakers training in Wisconsin



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

September, 2005, has been busy and we look forward to the upcoming fiscal year and closing this year. We have enjoyed providing services to the Chickasaws and Native Americans. We look forward to a continued high standard of excellence in meeting all the legal needs.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

All four (4) of the clerks employed by the Judicial Branch have successfully completed the last session of their Court Clerk Training and Certification. We are proud to offer the same trained and certified clerks to serve our citizens, as well as other Native Americans, as the county court clerks across the state of Oklahoma. In addition to the training and certification provided by Oklahoma State University, our court clerks are all trained and certified through a program offered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This program focuses on Indian law and jurisdictional issues facing different states. In a continued effort to provide the Chickasaw citizens with an effective and efficient court system the clerks for the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and District Court will attend training conferences annually.

The Supreme Court Judicial Branch, the Chickasaw Regional Library System and Oklahoma Department of Libraries sponsored Tim Tingle, author of *Walking the Choctaw Road*, which is this year's featured book by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Mr. Tingle is a well-known Choctaw storyteller and is visiting communities throughout the state. Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel spoke on the importance of literacy to Native Americans. Mr. Tingle told several heart-warming stories that are featured in his book. A reception

in honor of Mr. Tingle followed the story telling. Mr. Tingle generously made himself available to autograph books during the reception. The Judicial branch was proud to provide Bedre chocolates for everyone's enjoyment during the reception. Mr. Tingle will be appearing in Ada on November 7, 2005. If you have an opportunity to hear Mr. Tingle, please do so.

The Peacemaking Court continues to develop as it guides citizens through a more traditional process of dispute resolution. Some of the staff of the Judicial Branch and three (3) Peacemakers will be attending a training conference Oct. 5 - 7, 2005 at the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin. They will learn the seven (7) step Peacemaking process used by the Navajo as a primary tool for dispute resolution. If you would like more information on the Peacemaking process you may call Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk, at: 580-235-0281. As the Supreme Court Clerk, Jason works very closely with the Peacemakers and he would be happy to explain the process that has been incorporated into our court system.

September 7-11, 2005, I was invited to attend The National Foundation for Women Legislators with Wanda Scott, Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling and Tammy Gray in Phoenix, Arizona. Many women leaders from all over the United States were present to discuss issues that effect their state govern-

ment and how those issues affect the people of their states. The conference was one of the best conferences that I have attended. Many issues were discussed from the awareness of Cancer, heart disease awareness, the disaster of Katrina, Supreme Court nomination, Missing Children and Time Management, stop smoking Campaign through a Circle of Friends, were just a few of the topics discussed at the conference. I was deeply moved by the women leaders from other states and our delegation. I came back with many tools to use in leadership. We all must take a look at ourselves. We have a wonderful opportunity to touch a life with one word. Many of the states are facing the same issues we face in Indian Country. I am very proud to Chickasaw and a woman leader.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch has been very fortunate to have as a summer Intern, Trevor Tullius. Trevor is a Chickasaw citizen and is the son of Jake and Mary Tullius, Norman, Oklahoma. Trevor graduated Summa cum Laude from the University of Oklahoma with a BA in political science. Trevor has recently returned from Ghana, West Africa, where he obtained his MA in International Affairs from the University of Ghana. At the end of September, Trevor will be leaving United States again for service in the Peace Corps as an Agro/Forestry volunteer in Gambia. We have all enjoyed having Trevor with us this sum-

mer and look forward to hearing from him soon.



Trevor Tullius

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The District Court filed 37 new cases in August which brings the total number of new / active cases filed in 2005 to a whopping 284 cases. This is slightly ahead of the number of cases 262 filed during that same time period in 2004.

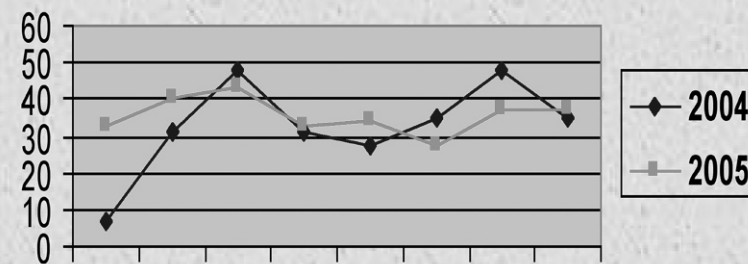
The Court Advocates assisted 96 individuals with legal issues. We have had a total of

As I look back on this past year, it has really gone by fast. It was this time last year that I lost my mother, I know that I could not have gotten through this past year if it weren't for the many words of remembrance and encouragement to continue as this is what my mother would have wanted. We are looking forward to the up coming year, as a new Chief Justice will take the realm of the Judicial Branch. Thank you all for being there to support the judicial department.

765 individuals assisted by our Court Advocates from January through August 2005.

Once again, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your continued support of the Supreme Court and the District Court. As we grow, we will continue to look for ways in which we may better serve our Chickasaw citizens.

New Case Comparison 2004 - 2005



New Cases filed in Chickasaw Nation District Court 2004-2005

Thank you Chickasaw voters

Please accept my warmest thanks and good wishes to everyone who supported me during my Pontotoc District legislative campaign.

While I did not win, I consider myself very fortunate to have met and talked with many of you. I thank you for sharing your thoughts, concerns and suggestions with me.

Thank you, also, for the three years you allowed me to serve as your tribal legislator. Those years were a time of tremendous growth for me, and the knowledge I gained is priceless.

To those of you who voted for me, a very special thanks. I could not have asked for a



Melvin Burris

greater group of Chickasaw people. I hope I have the opportunity again to serve you in the future.

Thank you, and God bless you.



Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, son Noah and author Tim Tingle.

Clemente program offers Chickasaw culture, traditions

One is never too old to learn, especially when the lesson is about oneself.

If this saying holds true, then the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities offers a unique opportunity for Chickasaws to learn more about their own culture, history and traditions.

Known as the *Chikasha Imanapah* Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Course, this program is offered to not only Chickasaws, but anyone interested in Chickasaw culture and how it compares to Western culture and that of other tribal nations.

The course description states that the Clemente Program "is a college-level studies program utilizing oral tradition, literature, history, language and

culture. Students are presented with the opportunity to explore the rich and diverse culture of the Chickasaws."

Through this program, conducted at the Native American Studies Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada, students gain an increased awareness and knowledge of community, tribal and national affairs. Students also gain college credit upon completion of the program.

The Arts and Humanities Division has added a second opportunity to take part in the Clemente Program, which includes two levels – Clemente I and II, with the course being offered at Murray State College in Tishomingo beginning in the spring of 2006.

Kelley Isom, coordinator and

course facilitator, states the courses, "...focus on student participation and discussion, with components in language, art, poetry and literature, identity issues, culture, education, written and oral history, community and clan traditions, government, environment and world philosophy."

Mrs. Isom said the classes were not necessarily only for students pursuing a degree, but any citizen interested in learning more about the Chickasaw culture and is willing to share ideas, interpretations and opinions with others students.

Former Clemente program student Teri Spain said of her experience, "This course (helped) me to see the differences and similarities between Western thought and Chickasaw thought.

I know now that I am a citizen of two nations...I feel more rounded as an individual and admittedly more empowered as a female, Chickasaw, American citizen."

For more information about

the Clemente Program and scholarship opportunities, contact Kelley Isom in the Arts and Humanities Division at (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Benefit set for Jacqueline Sesso

A November benefit in Texas has been scheduled to assist a Chickasaw woman with a life-threatening disease.

The Jacqueline Sesso Benefit is set for Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barton Street Pub, Corpus Christi, Texas. Those attending the benefit will receive barbecue brisket or chicken dinners for a five-dollar donation. There will also be raffles during the benefit.

Mrs. Sesso suffers from Vasculitis, a debilitating disease that attacks internal organs, lungs and blood vessels. She is also a cancer survivor.

Mrs. Sesso's relatives request prayers from family and friends. Those who would like to participate in the benefit may do so by calling Jay at (361) 960-0329, or Michelle at (361) 947-7435.

The benefit for Mrs. Sesso is being organized by her son.

Year-to-date education spending at \$3.75 million

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw

Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$20.5 million for the month and \$85 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$3.4 million and \$25.1 million year-to-date. Year-to-date, a total of \$54.2 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes

total \$378.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$137.8 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$45 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$8.2 million is in

the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$79.1 million in cash and investments of which \$19.2 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$42 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of August 31, 2005, tribe

operations had assets totaling \$424.8 million with \$51.2 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$373.6 million compared to \$253.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$120 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 7,325,196	422,082,138	429,407,334
Total funds available	84,954,183	(84,954,183)	-
	92,279,379	337,127,955	429,407,334
Expenditures			
General government	4,889,735		4,889,735
Legislature	1,253,748		1,253,748
Judiciary	512,010		512,010
Education	3,754,232		3,754,232
Heritage Preservation	1,861,218		1,861,218
Health	4,563,231		4,563,231
Youth and Family Services	2,544,068		2,544,068
Nutrition Programs	1,839,139		1,839,139
Regulatory	589,702		589,702
Assistance Programs	1,323,328		1,323,328
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		198,764,527	198,764,527
Other businesses' expense		85,493,957	85,493,957
Total expenditures	25,130,411	284,258,484	309,388,895
Increase in net assets	67,148,968	52,869,471	120,018,439
Beginning net assets	102,966,239	150,617,130	253,583,369
Ending net assets	\$ 170,115,207	203,486,601	373,601,808

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 44,985,679	79,108,304	124,093,983
Receivables	459,579	7,737,270	8,196,849
Inventory		4,378,564	4,378,564
Prepaid expenses		8,228,024	8,228,024
Other Assets		24,495,830	24,495,830
Fixed assets	125,355,098	130,055,367	255,410,465
Less payables	(685,149)	(50,516,758)	(51,201,907)
Net Assets	\$ 170,115,207	203,486,601	373,601,808

Birthdays



Keely Ingle

Amara Ingle turned 10 years old, July 3, 2005. **Keely Ingle** turned 7 years old, August 15, 2005. They both celebrated with water slide parties and enjoyed spending time with their family and friends.

This summer they played t-ball and softball. Both girls enjoy playing ball as well as spending time at the lake and with their friends.

Your family is very proud of you and loves you very much!

Love you,
Juston, Mom and Chayton



Amara Ingle

Silas Taylor of Lone Grove, Okla., will celebrate his sixth birthday with family and friends October 19, 2005.

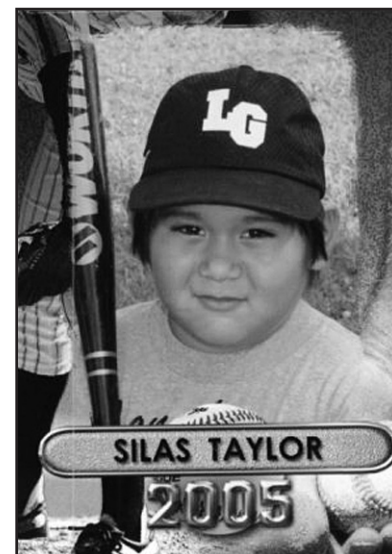
He is the son of Adrienne Taylor and brother of Leila Taylor.

He is very happy to be in kindergarten this year and loves to ride the bus. He enjoys riding his new bike and loved playing t-ball this summer.

I am very proud of my son and love him very much.

Happy sixth birthday Silas!

Love,
Mom, Leila and all those
that love you



Silas Taylor

Four generations of Chickasaws



Annlee Alexandra Baltimore was born August 26, 2005. She is the daughter of Chad and Angela Baltimore.

Annlee is held by her mother Angela, and is joined by her grandmother Latricia Ann Patty and her great-grandmother Virginia Lee Bowers (back row) for a four-generation Chickasaw family photo.

They are the descendants of Amos H. Hayes, full-blood Chickasaw who served as Tribal County Judge and was a member of the last Tribal Legislature before statehood, and Billy P. Hayes, full-blood Chickasaw and original enrollee.

Trett named chief financial administrator

Jenny Trett was recently appointed Chickasaw Nation Chief Financial Administrator. Mrs. Trett will be responsible for overseeing the Division of Treasury and the financial management of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mrs. Trett has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 1997. She has previously served as Tribal and Senior Accountant, General Ledger Manager, Assistant Finance Director for Headquarters and Chickasaw Nation Health System finance director.

Mrs. Trett received her bachelor's degree in Accounting from East Central University in Ada.

She is a CPA and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the state and Ada Chapters of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Healthcare Financial Management Association. Prior to joining the Chickasaw Nation staff, she worked as the Project Accountant for Samson Resources Company.

Mrs. Trett lives in Sulphur with her husband, Ronald, and their sons, Keagen, six, and Garrett, three.

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Jenny Trett

Ruddle appointed web development director



Kristi Ruddle

Kristi Ruddle was recently appointed to Director of Web Development in the Chickasaw Nation Communications Division. Ms. Ruddle will oversee the development and

implementation of the Chickasaw Nation website and intranet site.

"My ultimate goal is to ensure that the Nation website is functional, usable, friendly, intuitive and pertinent to the Chickasaw citizens located in Oklahoma and around the world," Ms. Ruddle said.

Ms. Ruddle has been with the Chickasaw Nation since 2003 serving as Web Development Manager before being appointed to her current position. Prior to coming to work for the tribe, she spent 15 years in the publishing industry working for Gannett Company, Inc., parent company

of USA Today.

She has gained an associate's of applied science degree in information systems technologies, a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems and a master's of science degree in management information systems.

Ms. Ruddle is Chickasaw and currently lives on the same tract of land allotted to her grandfather, Isaac Underwood, when he placed his name on the Dawes Rolls. She has three children, Chris, Matt and Rachel.

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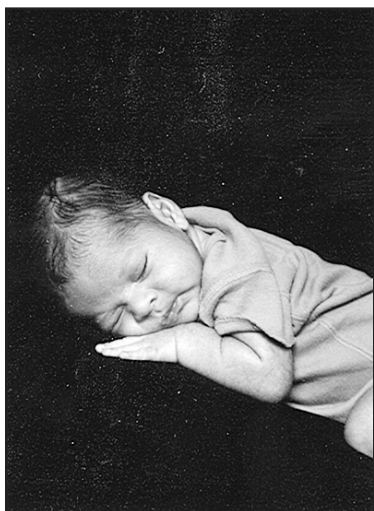
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Births



Noah Benjamin Tokada

Noah Benjamin Takoda (friendly to all) Renfro was born July 13, 2005 at Memorial Herman Hospital, Houston. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

He is the son of Benjamin and Amanda Renfro. He has a sister, Alejandra Etay-Etah, 4.

He is the grandson of Gary and Janice Renfro, Hawkins, Texas, Angela Vasquez, Presidio, Texas, and Jose Vasquez, Texas.

He is the great-grandson of Paul and Lorene Renfro, Duncan, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of Tiny Moore, Deming, N.M.

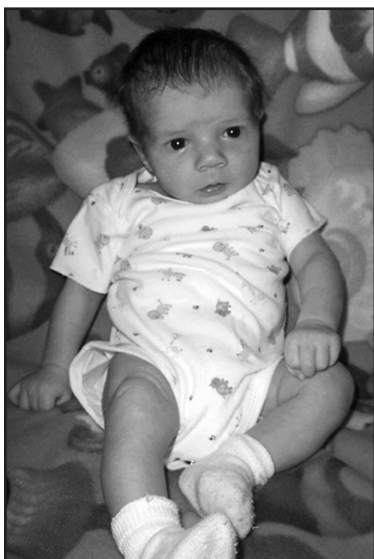


April Danielle Powell

April Danielle Powell was born August 30, 2005 at 5:22 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs., 12 ozs., and measured 19 1/2 inches.

She is the daughter of David and Nicole Powell of Texas. Her sister Erin, 2 1/2, welcomes April.

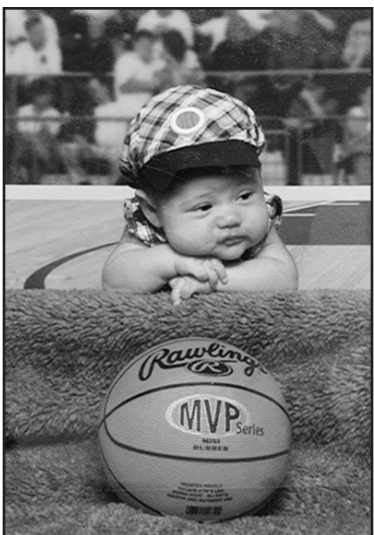
She is the granddaughter of Peter and Janet Meece, Joel and Ruth Powell and Yoshi and Dee Unno. She is the great-granddaughter of Preston and Wanda Powell and Wilbrun and Janeice Powell. She is the niece of Amy Powell, Chandra Powell, Ken Powell and Nathan Meece.



Taylor Ray Brown

Taylor Ray Brown was born June 14, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

He is the son of Tabitha Brown and the grandson of JoAnn Williams.



Malachi Zane Hamilton

Jessica Talmich and Adam Hamilton announce the birth of their son **Malachi Zane Hamilton**.

Malachi was born 10:38 p.m., March 31, 2005 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 ozs., and measured 19 3/4 inches.

His maternal grandparents are Andrea and Tony Poe, Mill Creek, Okla., and Gary Talmich, Denver, Colo., Phyllis and Ciro Pena, Denver.

His paternal grandparents are Patti Bond, Pontotoc, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of J.C. and Faye Poe, Connerville, Okla., James and Marie Nash, Ravia, Okla., Button and Sue Tisdell, Connerville and the great-great-grandson of Johnnie and Madeline Thomas, Pontotoc.

Chickasaw boy commended for bravery

Preston Converse, 10-year-old Chickasaw from Tishomingo, Okla., recently received a commendation from the Tishomingo Police Department for "bravery under extreme peril."

Preston and his mother, Melissa, returned home to find two escaped convicts inside their home.

When the convicts forced Melissa into her car and ordered her to drive them out of town, Preston kept calm and slipped away to his friend Eli's home to call police.

The escapees released Melissa on Bullet Prairie Road a short time later.

Preston's quick action helped police capture the pair a few hours later.

The pair were returned to the Johnston County Jail shortly thereafter.

Preston's father is Bret Converse.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Melissa and Preston Converse

Chickasaw man named Boys State director

OKLAHOMA CITY - The American Legion Department of Oklahoma recently appointed Chickasaw citizen Jim Amerson Director of Boys State. Mr. Amerson is the son of original enrollee Lola Maud Johnston, and the nephew of original enrollee and Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee, Elba "Cutchie" Johnston.

Mr. Amerson served as Assistant Director for Boys State for seven years before assuming the position of director of the prestigious citizenship program.

Prior to his work with Boys State, Mr. Amerson also served the American Legion in several other offices and capacities on state and national levels including State Commander, the highest state office that can be achieved. He also served as Post Commander, District Commander, Chaplain and Children & Youth Commander, and currently serves as the Oklahoma Representative for Foreign Affairs.

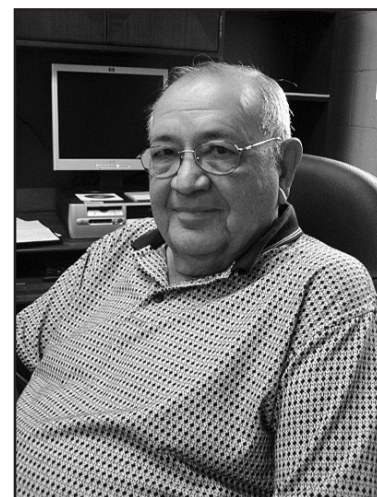
He is a Korean War veteran with the U.S. Army serving in Japan and Korea with the famed 45th Division, 179th Heavy Tank Company.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he re-

turned to his home state of Oklahoma to complete college and graduate school. During his time in college, he held office as the president of his fraternity, was a collegiate senator, was listed in Who's Who among American Universities and represented his Chickasaw heritage as a member of the Tribal Council.

Mr. Amerson's career includes time as an educator and high school football coach. While coaching at McLoud (OK) High School, he was named 1968 Coach of the Year and served as an advisor for the school's Native American student organization. Most of his career has been spent working as an engineer throughout the state of Oklahoma. He is self-employed in the engineering industry.

Mr. Amerson and his wife,



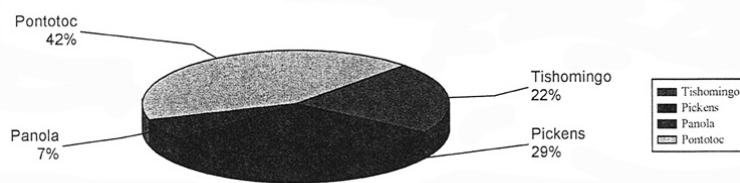
Jim Amerson

Irma Jean, reside in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. They have three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,307	Pontotoc	8,378
Pickens	5,837	<u>Tishomingo</u>	<u>4,311</u>
		Total	19,833





Johnson, Jones exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. Heath Jones

Carmon Johnson of Wanette, Okla., and Heath Jones, Wanette, were united in marriage July 29, 2005 at Wintersmith Lodge, Ada, Okla., by Cliff Bettes.

The bride is the daughter of Tammy Stick, Ada, and Michael Karbowski, Angleton, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Fern Steinkuehler, Ada, the late Dean Steinkuehler and Eddie and Carolyn Karbowski, Santa Fe, Texas.

The groom is the son of Glenn and Priscilla Jones, Wanette. He is the grandson of the late John D. and Fay Jones and the late Billy and Wanda Kiser.

Serving as matron of honor was Kelly Cook, sister of the bride, Ada. Bridesmaids were Brittany McClain, Ada, and Ashlie Stick, sister of the

bride, Ada.

Serving as best man was Jason Creekmore, Calvin, Okla. Groomsmen were Chris Jones, brother of the groom, Wanette, Enoch Slay, Tribbey, Okla., Travis Lee, cousin of the groom, Wanette, and Victor Kiser, cousin of the groom, Wanette.

Ushers were Josh Stick, brother of the bride, Ada and Michael Cook, brother-in-law of the bride, Ada.

A reception was hosted at Wintersmith Lodge. Reception attendants were Melvin Jones, uncle of the groom, Lynn Jones, aunt of the groom, Debbie Stevens, aunt of the groom, Ray Steinkuehler, uncle of the bride, all of Ada, and Don Steinkuehler, great-uncle of the bride, Webster, Texas.

The couple has made their home at Wanette.

Rep. Billy ranked top child advocate



OKLAHOMA CITY - The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy has announced that State Rep. Lisa J. Billy, a Chickasaw who represents District 42, voted 100 percent in-line with the best interests of Oklahoma

children during the 2005 legislative session.

According to the organization, which strives to make "children's issues a priority at the Capitol," Billy (R-Purcell), was one of 33 out of 101 members of the state House of Representatives to have "a perfect voting record on children's issues" this year.

"Children are a blessing," Billy said. "What we teach them and role model for them today will be the foundation for their future."

Anne Roberts, executive director of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA), said the organization achieved significant portions of its agenda

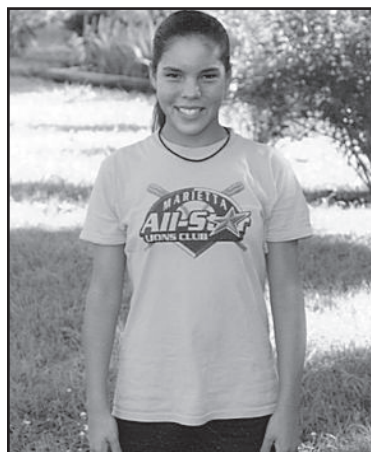
during the recent session, noting that "child advocates scored major victories for the health and well-being of Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations."

"We're getting junk food out of the schools, more money into health care, and full-day kindergarten," she said, adding that "These victories were the direct result of parents and other caring adults throughout the state speaking with one voice on behalf of our youngsters."

The organization said its agenda of children's issues "is developed each year by hundreds of advocates from across the state at the OICA's annual

Fall Legislative Forum on Children's Issues."

Chickasaw girl registers fast-pitch success



Dakota Ingram

Dakota Ingram, a 12-year-old Chickasaw seventh grader at Marietta, OK, Middle School, turned in a near perfect performance while pitched the Marietta Lady Indians to the Kingston Junior High Fast-Pitch Tournament Championship September 16 and 17.

Dakota pitched all four games, including the championship game, registered 31 strikeouts, issued just three walks and allowed only three runs on six hits during the tournament. Da-

kota complimented her pitching performance with a grand slam home run to clinch the championship game by run rule.

Dakota lives with her grandparents, James and Phyllis Ingram, of Enville, Okla., and attends Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta. She is the daughter of Darrin Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla., and great-granddaughter of Lena Farve, a full-blood Chickasaw. Dakota loves her family very much and takes pride in her Chickasaw heritage.

Tribal rep in Chickasha October 17

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha Oct. 17 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To learn more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs, visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Chickasaw airman promoted to staff sergeant

A Chickasaw man has recently received a promotion in the U.S. Air Force.

Michael C. Friend, of White Deer, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E5). Staff Sgt. Friend enlisted in the U.S. Air Force immediately upon his graduation from White Deer High School in 2001. He has received numerous personal awards and citations and has been appointed an instructor at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

Staff Sgt. Friend has previously served tours of duty in the Middle East.

He is a descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Jewel Worshom.



Staff Sgt. Michael Friend



Chickasaw, Choctaw divers medal at Jr. Pan Am Games



Kaylea Arnett, left, and Andrew Whittington with the medals they won at the Junior Pan Am Games.

Two young Oklahoma City divers recently moved a step closer to joining the ranks of Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills and Cab Renick as Native American Olympic medalists.

Kaylea Arnett, Chickasaw, and Andrew Whittington, Choctaw, each won national championships to qualify for the Junior

Pan American games hosted in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. August 27-28.

Kaylea won two bronze medals in the 13-and-under girls division, and Andrew won a silver in boys 11-and-under as the pair helped Team USA win first place in the event. Team USA finished with 611 points, 55 points ahead

of runner-up Canada.

Team USA's coach, Alik Sarkysian, has served as USA Diving coach at the Oklahoma City Regional Training Center for the past four years.

"Our goal is to produce Olympic champions. We want to beat China and Russia," said Sarkysian, a 13-time Armenian national champion and Armenian National Team coach at the 1996 Olympic Games. "After two years I took Kaylea. Now after two years I've got Andrew. Another two years I could get another (diver). So like this we could go to Olympic Games and be successful."

At only 13 years of age, this is Kaylea's third international competition.

She placed second in three-

meter springboard and third in platform to help the U.S. Junior All-Star team defeat the Canadian Junior Elite team at the U.S./Canada Junior Challenge in May 2003. In September 2003, she earned two bronze medals to help the U.S. team to a third place finish in the Junior Pan American Championships in Belem, Brazil.

Andrew, who has been diving about two years, won first in one-meter and three-meter winter national events to qualify for the Junior Pan Am Games.

Andrew entered the program by chance.

"My little brother was taking swimming lessons, so I was up there all the time. I was up there one day I was walking around and one of the coaches asked if I

wanted to try it and I said sure," said Andrew. "So they talked to my mom and dad and then I tried it the next day."

Sarkysian suggested he try the sport because Andrew seemed well suited for it.

"I said he has really great body type for gymnastics, diving, figure skating – don't think any of these other sports."

Anngela Whittington, Andrew's mother, said it was "funny, because we've tried just about every sport and we've always known, 'okay, he's going to do well at something, we've just got to find it.' And then it just kind of came to him and we're like 'maybe this is it.' We're really proud of him."

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Chickasaw girl happy 'as long as I'm diving'

In four short years as coach at the USA Diving Regional Training Center in Oklahoma City, Alik Sarkysian has produced several national champions and international medalists.

This year alone, Chickasaw diver Kaylea Arnett won a national title and two bronze medals at the Junior Pan American Games in the 13-and-under girls division, while Andrew Whittington won two national titles as well as a silver at the Junior Pan Am Games in the 11-and-under boys division.

While the team is enjoying tremendous success, it recently lost access to its training facility at Oklahoma City Community College.

Allyson Reneau, who operates Victory Gymnastics in Oklahoma City, heard of the team's dilemma and offered to build a diving pool to provide a place for the divers to continue training.

When Reneau first made the offer, Sarkysian found it almost too good to be true.

"She said 'Alik, let me help you with this Olympic champions. I can help you. I can do everything – you can make Olympic champions.' Honestly, I was kind of thinking she is joking."

She was not.

"I talked to my pool guy today and he said probably three to

four months before we would have a place open," said Reneau. "That's pretty fast. We're not fooling around. I don't do slow very well. I do fast."

Reneau first met Sarkysian at OCCC.

"I have a girl who swims and when I was out at the swimming pool at OCCC I kept seeing all the gymnastics equipment. And I got to thinking 'this guy knows what he is doing,'" said Reneau. "I had never met him before."

"Then I was out there at meets and I started reading some of the articles and some of the commitments and some of the international travel and I thought 'this guy's one of us. I've got to meet this guy.'"

After that meeting the two made the decision to team to form Victory Diving.

This was a great relief to Terrie Arnett, Kaylea's mother, who was determined to continue her daughter's training.

"We didn't want to move really," said Terrie. "We didn't know where we might go or what we might do. We just wanted to find out what Alik

was going to do and where he was going to go."

Kaylea, who has been diving for four years with Sarkysian, was not concerned with the prospect of moving to a new town.

She said that she was actually pretty excited about the possibility of moving and that

where she lived

didn't matter much

"as long as

I'm diving."

Reneau, who is a former world-champion baton twirler, started her program four years ago with one

gymnast and now

has more than 800

students in gym-

nastics, martial arts, dance and cheerleading programs.

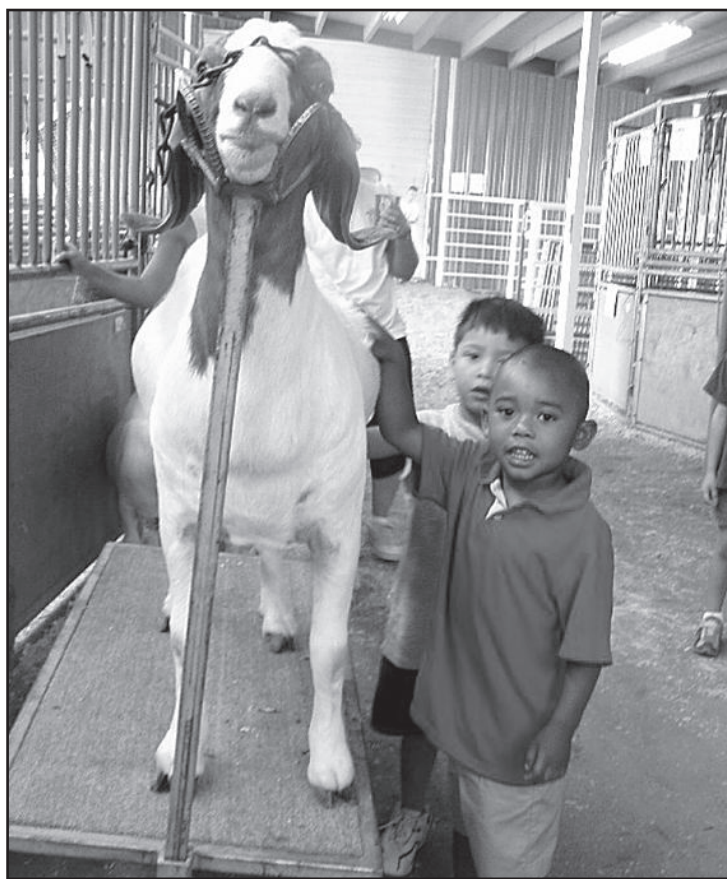
"People thought I was nuts. We had one student and no equipment," said Reneau. "And now we're starting with diving and we don't have any water."

"The biggest asset we have is Alik. You can build a diving pool any time, but you can't get someone like him but once in a lifetime so we absolutely want to support him and help him."

Sarkysian is a 13-time Armenian national champion and Armenian National Team coach at the 1996 Olympic Games.

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Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start students enjoy their time at the Pontotoc County Fair



Mike Larsen unveils portraits of Chickasaw elders



Sim Greenwood

TISHOMINGO, Okla. — World-renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen unveiled eight portraits of Chickasaw elders Tuesday, Sept. 13 on the second floor of the Chickasaw National Capitol Building, 411 W. Ninth in Tishomingo.

These portraits are the first in a series of 24 portraits of Chickasaw elders commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation. The project is entitled *They Know Who They Are*.

Mr. Larsen said the project has become “a labor of love” for him and his wife Martha as they come to know each of the elders portrayed.

“We have become involved with the elders on a level that I never thought we would be able to,” said Mr. Larsen. “We’ve gotten to know them, to listen to

their stories, listen to their history and go into their homes. It’s been the most incredible experience that Martha and I have had, because of this involvement.”

During the ceremony he expressed his gratitude to the elders for being so accepting of he and his wife, Martha coming into their home. He also said he had learned a great deal through the process, which included interviews with each of the elders.

“Martha and I are painters of history. So painting this living history is the greatest thing we’ve ever done,” said Mr. Larsen.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the tribe commissioned the project because “our elders are a national treasure and this project is one

way we can celebrate and honor them.

“Mr. Larsen is doing a tremendous job of capturing the strength of character, intense spirituality, superb sense of humor and other honorable characteristics exhibited by these unique individuals,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Our goal for this project is to create lasting symbols of our gratitude for the many contributions all our elders have made to the tribe.”

Mr. Larsen is well known for his use of exaggerated hands, and these paintings are no exception. He says that a person’s hands “reflect all that he is.”

Among his best known projects is a 26-foot mural of five Native American ballerinas, all born in Oklahoma, which is displayed in the State Capitol Rotunda.

He also painted *Shamans of the Nations*, which includes shamans from federally-recognized tribes in Oklahoma.

Among the portraits unveiled is one titled *Wiley, My Daddy and Me*, featuring the late Pearl Carter-Scott, famous Chickasaw aviatrix.

Other portraits unveiled include Sim Greenwood, Charlie Carter, Pauline Walker, Juanita and Ben Nail, Minnie Shields, Emilie Dickerson and Erie Cravatt.

While the portraits will be displayed at the Chickasaw National Capitol for a time, future plans are to display the entire series at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, currently under construction near Sulphur, Okla.

Mike Larsen Comments on Portrait Subjects

Pearl Carter Scott
“Wiley, iki ume, Michano”

“Wiley, My Daddy and Me”

A visionary and a very accomplished person, Pearl’s daddy taught her the value of never giving up. She knew many notables such as Wiley Post, Will Rogers and John Herrington, yet her pride came from her Chickasaw Heritage and her family. As she reminisced she continually talked about “Wiley, my daddy and me.” We left feeling as though we had walked through time and gotten a peak



Emilie Dickerson

at history.

Sim Greenwood
“Tanumpalhi ikbi”
“Bow Maker”

Sim is a quiet, gentle man very much honored by the tribe. That gentleness, though, did not mask the intensity of inner strength. Among many reasons to honor him is the fact that he is a master bow maker. In a quick moment, he showed me the warrior he was and still is.

Charlie Carter
“Chihowa ihatuk”
“Man of God”

Charlie gave us the high honor

of praying over us in his beloved Chickasaw language. He often preaches the same way and is able to reach so many who are otherwise unreachable. A man may be regretful of where he has been but confident of where he is going. We should all be so fortunate.

Pauline Walker
“Hokma, Yakoke chi manhi li”

“Well, Thank You Anyway”

See Mike Larsen, page

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Charlie Carter



Ben Nail



Chickasaw foster grandparents add love, patience

Untied shoe laces. Runny noses. Spilled milk.

These are not your typical work hazards. That is, unless you are one of a group of special individuals who not only encounter these while on the job, but are there because these things exist.

Meet the men and women who serve as foster grandparents in the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care programs.

These helpers may have a little more gray hair than your every day child care giver, but with those gray hairs come more of other things too. Like wisdom and patients, stories and experiences, accountability and loyalty, integrity and love.

At a time in life when many find a natural separation between generations, the foster grandparents have closed that gap by making themselves available to an age of children who may not have that connection otherwise.

Their choice to spend the free time that they have worked so long to earn with toddlers and preschoolers impacts not only their own lives but the lives of the children, teachers and parents as well.

Untied Shoe Laces

These foster grandparents play a practical role while working with the children. Ask any teacher and they will tell you, "the more eyes, the more ears, the more hands, the better."

The grandmas and grandpas

who have been so easily and affectionately adopted by the children are a God-send for the staff.

"We couldn't do it without our grandma," says Ada Child Care Teacher Stephanie Bessire. "The kids just love Grandma (Sina Mae) Ogg! She reads with the kids, plays with them, holds them. She is such a help to the whole classroom."

The volunteer program serves a practical role for the grandparents too. It gives them reason - a reason to get up each day, a reason to get dressed, a reason to get in the car and go somewhere. These are people who have worked and stayed active their whole lives and aren't quite ready to retire to the rocking chair yet.

Grandma Alice (Bowen), in her fifth year at Madill Head Start, says the program "has done wonders for me. I wanted something to do. I just live a few blocks away so this was perfect for me."

Many of the grandparents reiterated what Grandma Emma (Hill) from Ada Head Start had to say, "I really enjoy working with the kids. It gets me out of the house. It is the best past time." After nine years, she says she "just can't stay away."

And although all of these grandparents are volunteers, some even qualify for benefits, including a stipend and paid leave, through a program sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

DHS Area III Project Director Sheila Jacobson said of the program, "It has been a real benefit for the grandparents. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to stay active and involved. They can get a little extra income and a feeling of community. I see them having happier, healthier, more satisfied lives."

So along with helping with everyday tasks like serving lunch, riding the bus and tying shoes, the grandparents are finding that they get a little help in their lives too.

Runny Noses

There is only so much one person can do, but one person can do so much.

In a classroom full of teary eyes, sticky fingers and runny noses, a grandparent with a wipey can become a super hero.

The foster grandparents have the unique opportunity to just be where the need is the greatest. There are times when the teacher must be teaching and the aide must be assisting and the grandparents get to fill in the gaps.

Grandmas and grandpas get to play with the children, teach numbers and colors and letters, lead songs and games, and even occasionally just sit and hold a child until the tears dry up.

There is an invaluable role that these silver-haired super heroes play while in the classroom. It is the role of being available.

"Our grandma (Ms. Lowana Muncrief) is so good at helping



Grandma (Sina Mae) Ogg is always available to comfort toddlers at the Ada Child Development Center when needed.

with those who need a little extra attention," said Sulphur Head Start teacher Karen Keen. "She can give them the special attention they want and she has such a soft voice and is so compassionate. It is just awesome."

Ms. Muncrief, who retired from the Oklahoma School for the Deaf after 16 years of service, also provides a special touch to her students. She has been using something from her past to give them something for their future. She is teaching them sign language.

Spilled Milk

More than anything, these special men and women are exactly what the name suggests - foster grandparents.

When the kids are missing their moms and dads, or when they've spilled their milk, or they're just having a bad day, there is something about sitting in grandma's lap or holding grandpa's hand that makes it all a little easier to handle.

Whether they call them grandma, granny, pawpaw, grandpa or

poppa, sometimes a child just needs a little time alone with their grandparent.

"I remember having three little boys in one of my classes that just couldn't get their letters right," said Duncan Head Start's Granny (Lil) Hall. "I just spent time with each of them during play time and story time until every one of them finally got it. Sometimes a little one-on-one pays off."

Some people say that grandparents spoil their grandkids. Most grandparents say they just love them a lot. One thing is for sure, the children at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care programs are in good hands.

For more information about volunteering to become a foster grandparent, contact the Chickasaw Nation Head Start at (580) 436-7276 or your local Department of Human Services office.

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Madill Head Start students listen as Grandma Alice (Bowen) reads a favorite book during story time.



Grandpa Elton (Dove), in his sixth year at Tishomingo Head Start, spends playtime reviewing colors with his students.

Chickasaw elders enjoy second annual Elders' Day

DAVIS, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation recently hosted its second Elders' Day at the Treasure Valley Microtel in Davis. More than 100 Chickasaw elders were treated to a lunch and special presentation

by the tribal Cultural Resources Department.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel was on hand to welcome the guests to the special event.

"Our elders are such an important asset to the future of

our culture," Lt. Governor Keel stated. "It was my pleasure to be a part of this special day to honor them."

Glenda Galvan, Archives & Records, shared a presentation about the ongoing preservation of the Chickasaw White House – home of former Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston – located in Emet, Oklahoma.

Those in attendance were entertained with traditional flute playing by Tim Harjo, and educated on current and future historical preservation efforts by Eddie Postoak, both of the Cultural Resources Department.

At the end of the day, each elder was presented with special gifts from the Chickasaw Nation and the Treasure Valley Microtel.

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Each Elders' Day participant received an extendable flashlight/lamp from the Chickasaw Nation. More than 100 Chickasaw elders enjoyed the event at the Treasure Valley Microtel in Davis, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation assists in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts

Working with the Red Cross and other groups, the Chickasaw Nation has made a variety of resources, including personnel, facilities and supplies available to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"Chickasaw Nation employees have been more than willing to help," said Bill Anoatubby Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "Administrators and employees at every level have responded with enthusiasm to any request we have made."

A team of Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue workers were on the scene almost immediately offering assistance to those stranded by the flood waters in New Orleans.

In one day alone the team rescued 65 people in dire need of assistance.

Chickasaw Firefighters were also deployed to the Gulf Coast region to provide assistance.

The Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada was made available to the Red Cross as a collection point for locals wanting to donate clothing, bedding, towels personal hygiene items and other supplies needed by disaster victims.

Many employees volunteered

and worked for several days to collect and sort the goods for delivery to various destinations.

Cots and food for refugees and for National Guardsmen working the disaster were donated to the relief effort.

Computer equipment and a monetary contributions were also donated to the effort.

Doctors, nurses and health care provision were made available through the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Blocks of rooms were set aside at the Chickasaw Lodge in Sulphur as well as the Microtel Inns and Suites in Davis and Thackerville.

At least 17 evacuees were housed in Sulphur alone.

Beyond that, media outlets were advised that the Chickasaw Nation is providing assistance to Chickasaws directly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Chickasaws living in areas directly affected by the storm and those who have been forced to evacuate are urged to call John Hilton or Kennedy Brown at 1-877-728-1907 for assistance.

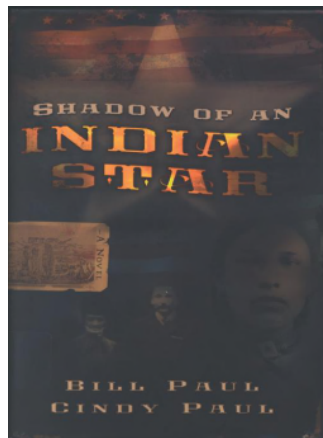
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Volunteers Sierra Carter and Devon Liljequist are both eighth-graders at Ada Junior High School.

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Featured Selections of the Month



Shadow Of An Indian Star

Bill and Cindy Paul

Inside Cover: *Shadow of an Indian Star* is an epic novel which chronicles three generations of a brawling pioneer family, their friends and enemies, and the women who helped battle tragedy, corruption, and their own inner demons to save themselves and the Chickasaw Nation from annihilation.

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Native American Women's Lives

Edited by Theda Perdue

Back Cover: Theda Perdue has assembled a rich collection of new biographical essays on Native American women. From Pocahontas, a Powhatan woman of the seventeenth century, to Ada Deer, the Menominee woman who headed the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1990s, the essays span four centuries. Each one recounts the experiences of women from markedly different cultural traditions. . .

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CHILDREN party at Lazer Zone

On September 13, several educators, parents and children met at the Chickasaw Nation Lazer Zone Family Fun Center for an Ada Area Community Helping Interaction League for Disability Related Education Needs (CHILDREN) Group Back-to-School Party.

Families enjoyed free hamburger dinners and bowling, and prizes were awarded to the children who participated.

Parents and educators were also able to spend time discussing issues facing their children and students, and made plans for future outings and support meetings.

For more information about the CHILDREN Group or to find out how to become involved, contact Michelle Wilson, Vocational Rehabilitation Program Director, at (580) 436-0553.

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Daughters Rebekah and Summer Eck look on as their father, John, enjoys a game of bowling during the CHILDREN party at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center.



Gathering of Chickasaw speakers a success

More than 20 fluent Chickasaw speakers told stories and jokes and enjoyed one another's company at the Gathering of Chickasaw speakers Sept. 24 at Treasure Valley Microtel Inn and Suites in Davis, Oklahoma.

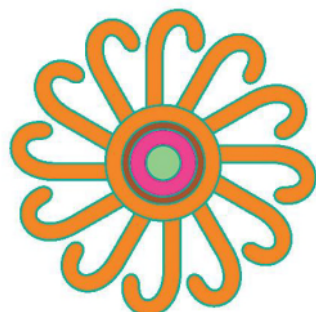
Fluent speakers in attendance included Juanita Nail, Benjamin Nail, Dorothy Green, Edna Baken, Mary Ann Alexander, Geraldine Greenwood, Mary Louise Taylor, Winnie McNeely, Etta Johnson, Pat Cox, JoAnn Ellis, Hannah Corsello, Flora Perry, Geneva Holman, Franklin Nelson Jr., Sam Johnson, Nolena Lewis, Vera Timms, Irene Digby, Luther John, Rose Jefferson, Leerene Frazier, and Pauline Brown.

Others attending the event included Gingy Nail, Christine Saunders, Shirley Mose, Darla Wolf, Judy John, Nina Crossley, Lee Crossley, Mae Frazier, Sue Linder-Linsley and Terri Haney.

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Laughter and good times were enjoyed by all at the recent Gathering of Chickasaw Speakers. From left are Pauline Walker, Geraldine Greenwood, Geneva Holman, Benjamin Nail and Juanita Nail.



Lighthorse Police conducting patch design contest



Submissions from Chickasaw citizens of all ages are now being accepted for the design of a new Chickasaw Lighthorse Police patch.

A specially formed committee will choose the winning design from submissions received by Nov. 30, 2005.

In addition to having his design on a patch worn by every officer in the department, the winner will receive a commemorative plaque emblazoned with the winning design.

"We are very proud to be carrying on the tradition the Lighthorse Police started more than a century ago, and we would like to have a new patch that adequately conveys that sense of pride," said

Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal. "That is why we are conducting this contest, which is open to all Chickasaws."

Patch design should be round, approximately five inches in diameter, and consistent with the blue and silver Lighthorse Police uniform.

Designs should be submitted to Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, 1003 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK 74820.

All submissions should include name and contact information of the designer.

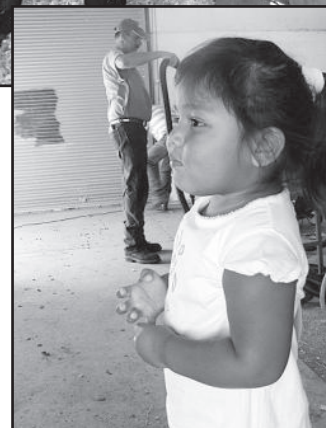
For information, call the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police at (580) 436-1166.

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At the Fair



Ada Head Start students enjoyed a day of sightseeing and petting animals at the Pontotoc County Fair in Ada, Oklahoma.



CNHS volunteers special



From left, CNHS volunteers Ken Lance, Carmen Sharp, Sebina Burris, Alice Phillips.

ADA, Oklahoma - Director of Volunteers at Carl Albert Hospital, Ken Lance recently honored Sebina Burris and sisters Carmen Sharp and Alice Phillips for their faithful service to the hospital.

Each volunteer was given a nice plaque for their volunteer service.

They began their service to the hospital in the early 1900's, by making their appointments for the clinics. They soon started what is now the gift shop with the help of Regina Horton and Delora Mills. The gift shop was started by contributions from their own jewelry boxes and knick-knacks. It wasn't long before they were able to start buying jewelry and crafts from Native American craftsmen.

Mrs. Burris had polio at the age of 18 months. She worked for the Big 5 in Coal County before beginning her volunteer service. She was using braces

and crutches when she started as a volunteer at Carl Albert.

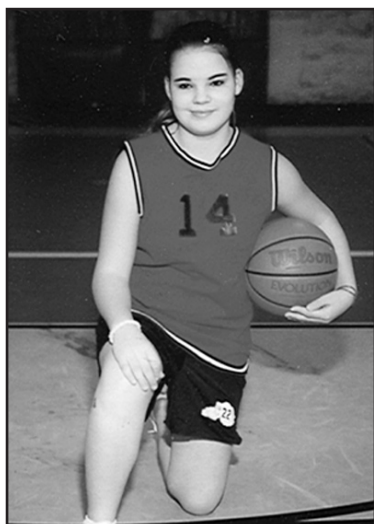
When she became wheelchair dependant she didn't let that stop her from being a volunteer. She will be 71 years old Nov. 22.

Mrs. Sharp celebrated her 90th birthday Sep. 22. She has been legally blind for five years. She has been determined to work at least until she's 90 years old.

Mrs. Phillips turned 80 years old on Sep. 17. She is the buyer for the Carl Albert gift shop and for the Chickasaw Senior Citizen's gift shop.

These ladies have not let their disabilities or aches and pains keep them from their volunteer duties. Mrs. Burris can be found most Wednesday mornings at the information desk/gift shop and she is relieved by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Sharp at noon. They believe their volunteer service has helped to keep them active and strong.

Student in Duke University program

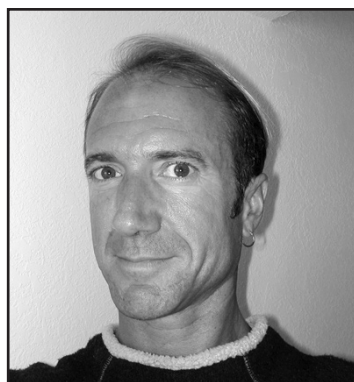


Melissa Stewart

Melissa Stewart, Tishomingo Junior High seventh grader, has been selected to participate in the 26th Annual Talent Search sponsored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP).

The criteria for the talent search is: Be in the seventh grade; 2) live or attend school within Duke's TIP's 16 state Talent Search region; 3) have scored at the 95th percentile or higher on an acceptable subtest or a grade-level achievement or approved state criterion-referenced test.

Chickasaw yoga instructor teaches in Ada



Clayton Horton

ADA, Okla. - A Chickasaw yoga instructor from California recently visited the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada. During his visit, Clayton Horton taught a yoga class while visiting the center.

Horton is director of the Greenpath yoga studio in San Francisco. He has been a yoga student for 18 years and began teaching yoga in 1996.

He received authorization to teach Ashtanga yoga from



Yoga class members participate in the class taught by Chickasaw yoga instructor Clayton Horton.

the Ashtanga Yoga Research Institute in Mysore, South India in 2003.

Horton is a former member of the University of Oklahoma swim team and founded the

Sooner Triathlete Club in 1986.

For more information on yoga, visit www.greenpathyoga.org

OKC metro council combines meetings

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council is recognizing the increase in gasoline cost by combining meetings with special events.

"The huge increase in gasoline prices prompted us to consider ways to help our membership with the cost issue," Chair Linda Giles said. "We have special activities in October and December so we decided to combine events

and meetings for those months. This will eliminate the necessity of two trips to the council house during the same month and hopefully help ease gasoline costs for our members."

The October Council Meeting will be conducted briefly before the annual Halloween Fright Night on October 22. During December, the monthly meeting will be prior to the Annual

Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 3. Members and guests should adjust their calendars accordingly. All other monthly council meetings will adhere to the usual schedule of the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information on the OKCMCCC activities, call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Flute, harp duo to perform free concert in Ada

ADA, Okla. - Flutist Megan Meisenbach and harpist Mary Golden will be performing a free concert in Ada. The concert is in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month and is sponsored by the Ada Arts Council.

The Meisenbach and Golden flute/harp duo will perform a free concert Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Summers Theatre on the campus of East Central University. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The duo is known for its concerts full of musical warmth, joy, intensity and masterful technique.

The concert will feature a



Mary Golden and Megan Meisenbach

varied program of music, from Bach to Debussy, from 17th Century to 20th Century.

The duo is accomplished and has been a winner of the National Flute Association Cham-

ber Music Competition. Meisenbach and Golden have been awarded yearly touring grants from the Heartland Arts Fund and the Texas Commission on the Arts.



State rural development focus of hearings

OKLAHOMA CITY - State lawmakers continued to explore current options and fresh ideas for bringing jobs and growth to rural Oklahoma during the third meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative task force, conducted in September at the State Capitol.

State Rep. Lisa J. Billy, a Chickasaw who represents District 42, said the ongoing hearings are fostering positive ideas that will soon be turned into real results for rural Oklahomans.

"This is not another study for a plan; it's action-oriented," said Billy (R-Purcell), "And so, in gathering information from all over rural Oklahoma, we can now take that and develop legislation that will help rural Oklahoma."

As the task force prepares for a two-month fact-finding tour of rural Oklahoma communities, the two co-chairs of the panel, state Reps. Don Armes and Dale DeWitt, were both encouraged by what they had learned so far and were optimistic about the end result.

"We've learned a lot about agencies that can help revitalize rural Oklahoma, and now the next step is to see what the needs

are and actually connect some of these agencies with folks that need help," said Armes (R-Faxon). "It may be financing, it may be management, or it may be infrastructure issues, but we need to discover those needs and try to address the problems so we can spark some job opportunities for folks in rural Oklahoma."

"We're ready now to take this committee on the road," said DeWitt (R-Braman). "Our hope is that the community leaders in all these areas will come to these hearings, sit down with us and discuss their needs. The big question is 'What can we do as legislators to help communities prosper and see job growth?' This is going to be a collaborative effort with everyone working as partners."

Presenters at the hearing included representatives from the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation; the poultry, pork and cattle industries; Oklahoma Farmers Union; the hotel and lodging industry; the Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association; the cotton industry; the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural development branch; the Oklahoma Institute of Child Advocacy;

the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts; the state Housing Finance Authority; the Oklahoma Municipal League, and others. With so many representatives on hand from a number of the state's major agricultural industries, much of the discussion centered around finding a balance between being good stewards of land and water resources and easing state environmental regulations.

In the coming weeks, the task force will conduct meetings in a number of rural communities across the state, the first scheduled for October 4 in Blackwell. Later that month, the panel will go to Cushing, Nowata, Miami, Frederick and Elk City. In November, the members will travel to Woodward, Waukomis, Ada, Pauls Valley, Idabel and Poteau.

Introduced earlier this year by House Speaker Todd Hiett (R-Kellyville) with support from former U.S. Congressman Wes Watkins, the Rural Economic Development Initiative is a long-term action plan to spark job growth and economic revitalization throughout rural Oklahoma.

Metro council to host Fright Night

OKLAHOMA-The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council annual Halloween Fright Night is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, at the OKC Council building.

"We have asked Betty and Kip Smith to set up their customary theme games that our children (of all ages) have come to expect and enjoy at this annual event. We really try to make this a fun evening and a safe environment

for the children," said Chair Linda Giles.

Hot dogs and drinks will be served, plus lots of treats for the small ones.

The OKCMCCC invites all to attend. Bring your best side dish or cake. The traditional cake-walk is always a favorite of our adults. Costumers are encouraged, but optional. There will be a brief council meeting before the Fright Night festivities.

The fun begins at 6 p.m. at the OKCMCCC building at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

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the Beatles, Celine Deon and Cher. Current artists such as Cold Play and Sheryl Crowe are also included.

Longtime KADA programming, including University of Oklahoma and East Central University sports, remain.

The format change was the

first for KADA since 1982. An informal survey of listeners, Harris said, indicated the new format was well-received in the market. The station will be able to judge its market strength in April 2006 when the Arbitron ratings of radio listenership are published.

Residents' Rights Week to be observed

Approximately 2.7 million people across our nation reside in long-term care assisted living/residential care facilities, and nursing homes. Residents' Rights Week will be observed October 2-8, 2005. During the week, citizen advocates, facility staff, family members, and ombudsmen will honor individual rights of long-term care residents.

This year's theme focuses on Resident-Directed Care. Whether it's choosing when to bathe, what to eat, or what activities to participate in, long-term care residents have the right to be involved in their care planning process. The week is a time for celebration and recognition offering an opportunity for every facility to focus on and celebrate the value of each individual resident.

It is also a time to reflect on the importance of the Nursing Home Reform Law of 1987 which promises quality of life and care and resident's rights for each resident. During the week everyone is encouraged to honor individuals who promote and ensure that dignity, privacy in resident-directed care, respect, autonomy, and other basic human rights are maintained as a vital part of the lives of residents living in

long-term care settings.

As Oklahoma celebrates this week paying tributes to the unique contributions of long-term care residents, community members are encouraged to visit a long-term care facility, volunteer in a facility, participate in Residents' Rights Week events, or inquire about becoming a volunteer with the LTC ombudsman program.

The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has worked tirelessly for over 30 years to promote residents' rights. More than 8,000 volunteers and 1,000 paid staff are advocates for residents in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Authorized under the Older Americans' Act and administered by the Administration on Aging, the program also provides information on how to find a facility, conducts community education sessions, and support residents, their families and the public with one-on-one consultation regarding long-term care.

If you would like more information concerning the upcoming week, or volunteer opportunities, contact Rebecca VanZandt, Ombudsman Supervisor, 1-800-211-2116, 580-920-1388.

Toy museum to open in Pauls Valley

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - Join the city of Pauls Valley and a host of dignitaries as they cut the ribbon on the new Toy & Action Figure Museum. The ribbon cutting is set for 1:15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 at the museum, 111 S. Chickasaw, Pauls Valley. Located in downtown Pauls Valley, the museum will showcase the talents of designers, sculptors and companies that have over the years turned children's playthings into works of art. Along with interactive displays for the kids, the museum will

also feature exhibits on how these miniaturized wonders are created.

An integral part of the museum is the Oklahoma Cartoonists' Collection featuring artists and writers from our great state who have made their mark in the field of comics. From Chester Gould, the creator of Dick Tracy, to Jack and Carole Bender, who currently write and draw Alley Oop, and the *Oklahoman's* political cartoonist, Jim Lange, the collection features a wide range of work for the visitors to enjoy.

The day's festivities start at 10 a.m. The public will enjoy free tours of the museum following the 1:15 p.m. ribbon cutting. Opening day events include live bands and entertainment, hourly toy giveaways furnished by major toy companies, a costume contest for adults, children (and pets!) and a visit from Batman himself! Plus other special guests to appear!

Come enjoy the day in downtown Pauls Valley and see the world's first action figure museum!

Chickasaw evacuees plan return to New Orleans



Rosalee Burney and Linda Bressett

Linda Bressett, a Chickasaw forced to evacuate the New Orleans area by Hurricane Katrina, is preparing to return home after a month away.

While she is glad now that she decided to evacuate, she said the decision was not an easy one.

Listening to news reports left her undecided, but nature provided the final clues that it was time to leave.

"I was just taking my time mulling over all the information," she said. "I was in the pool and I was thinking and I was listening and one of the things I noticed was that I didn't see any birds in the yard."

"I was also hearing sounds – some kind of an insect that makes a buzzing sound. It's a sound I normally hear at night that I was hearing in the middle

of the day. I kept looking and watching and by the time I was finished I decided we were going to leave. So I started packing."

After packing, she picked up her mother, Rosalee Burney, for what they thought would be a short time away from home.

"None of us took more than three changes of clothes," said Ms. Burney.

"I don't know of anybody yet who did," said Ms. Bressett. "You don't have a lot of time to make that kind of decision. It's a drill we go through so many times – whether to leave or not."

"The first time I've evacuated since 1965 was last year. And the traffic was so horrendous I'm afraid there were a lot of people who decided to stay because of the scenario from last year."

Ms. Bressett, who lives on the west bank of New Orleans, described the experience of storm-imposed exile as "surreal," and said returning home will not be an easy experience.

"I have mixed emotions. I'm anxious to get back and do what

I have to do, but I kind of dread going in," she said. "I know it's going to be a lot of work at my house. Not much compared to some, though."

According to reports from neighbors, there was some damage to her roof and the line supplying electricity to her home was ripped from the wall.

"By comparison, it's minor," she said.

Ms. Burney, who lived in east New Orleans, suffered more severe damage to her home.

"My house was under water and we don't know how deep," said Ms. Burney.

To make matters worse, the road on which she lives was once again flooded when Hurricane Rita caused the levees in New Orleans to break a second time.

"I had a piano, two organs, two accordions a guitar and ukulele and all my music I had collected from the twenties through the sixties," said Ms. Burney. "That's something I can't replace. I can replace the instruments, but all that music went down the drain."

They have been staying with relatives in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, biding time until they can

return home.

That time is here for Ms. Bressett, but Ms. Burney still cannot return.

"I'm going to go first. I'm going to leave (my mother) with my sister in Houston," said Ms. Bressett. "I'm going to go first because I don't know how long it's going to take to get the services I need reestablished – power to my house. That's the biggest issue is to be able to get that repaired."

Despite the ordeal she has undergone, she still exhibited a sense of humor about the situation.

"Of course my refrigerator is going to be an issue to say the least," Ms. Bressett said with a laugh.

Ms. Burney is unsure when she will be able to return home because contamination from the flood waters is still an issue.

"I can't even get into my area," said Ms. Burney. "When I do go back, I have to take some shots. To get into my area you have to take two hepatitis shots just to get in."

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Chickasaw BIA officer involved in Mississippi cleanup



Franklin Keel, back row, third from left, is pictured with BIA director Pat Ragsdale, front row, right, and Indian police officers at Bogue Homa, Mississippi.

A Chickasaw Bureau of Indian Affairs official recently toured the destruction brought by Hurricane Katrina, and is coordinating the BIA's response to the disaster as it affects tribes.

Franklin Keel, regional director of the BIA's eastern regional office in Nashville, Tenn., recently toured the reservation of the Mississippi Band of

Choctaws near Philadelphia, Mississippi.

This was Keel's second visit to the area. The eastern regional office had, at the time of the second visit, already provided 30,000 ready-to-eat meals, 128 tons of rice, over 1,000 gallons of water and a semi-trailer of baby supplies to the Mississippi Choctaws.

Katrina's eye passed directly over Philadelphia, where Mississippi Choctaw headquarters is located. The hurricane knocked out power, felled trees and damaged roofs in each of the tribe's eight communities. The hardest hit community was Bogue Homa, the southernmost Choctaw community. Several homes sustained structural damage and 200 families required assistance.

Additionally, at least 300 acres of the tribe's forest lands suffered damage with many hardwood and pine trees uprooted.

While keeping an eye on the hurricane's progress, Keel's office maintained communication with Mississippi Choctaw tribal officials. Once the tribe requested assistance, the office's emergency response team was dispatched.

"BIA personnel were already en route when Katrina made landfall in Mississippi," Keel said.

Keel is a grandson of Chickasaw Sen. Guy Keel, and a descendant of Governors Cyrus Harris and Edmund Pickens.

Spier selected for Oklahoma School of Science and Math



Alex Spier

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been selected to attend the state's prestigious Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM).

Alex Gene Spier, of Bristow, Okla., was among 78 students selected for the OSSM Class of 2007.

While at OSSM, Alex and his classmates will participate

in a rigorous academic program. In addition to high-level courses in science and mathematics, OSSM curriculum includes exemplary programs in computer science, humanities, the arts and physical education.

In their two years at OSSM, student are required to complete nine semesters of science; four semesters of mathematics, English, social science, physical education and foreign language; two semesters of fine arts; and one semester of computer science.

OSSM is located on Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City.

Alex is the son of Terry and Nancy Lynn (Stutte) Spier. He has a brother, Tucker, a freshman at Bristow High School.

Alex is the grandson of Irene (Williams) Stutte, of Clarita, Okla., and the late Silas and Eula Keel Williams.

Tribe provides assistance to Alabama Coushatta evacuees



Clem Sylestine



Clayton Sylestine

About 50 citizens of the Alabama Coushatta tribe who were forced by Hurricane Rita to evacuate their reservation have found assistance and hospitality in the Chickasaw Nation.

Most of the approximately 1,000 tribal citizens remained behind and took shelter in a gymnasium on the reservation, which is located about 100 miles north of Houston.

A bus owned by the Alabama Coushatta left the reservation about 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. That bus encountered mechanical difficulty that night and many spent the night on the bus.

Another bus arrived from the reservation the next day, allowing the evacuees to continue their journey north.

An Alabama Coushatta tribal administrator contacted the Chickasaw Nation seeking assistance, and the tribe agreed to provide shelter and assistance.

Evacuees, most of whom were elders and children, were provided shelter for several days in the Sulphur Motor Lodge. They

were later moved to the Microtel Inn and Suites in Davis to enable the children to enjoy the swimming pool.

Vans from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing provided transportation for the evacuees.

Those who needed medical attention or prescription medicines were transported to Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

"It's wonderful," said Clayton Sylestine, first chief of the Alabama Coushatta tribe. "I appreciate very much the people here. I would like them to know that we appreciate every thing that they've done for us."

Many of the Alabama Coushattas accepted the invitation to come to the Cultural Evening activities at Kullihoma as guests of the Chickasaw Nation.

Clem Sylestine, second chief of the Alabama Coushatta tribe, said they enjoyed the stomp dance and other activities at cultural evening very much.

"We were fortunate to be able to come this direction, because of the Chickasaw hospitality,"

said Chief Clem Sylestine. "We are grateful for the care the Chickasaw people have given us and the opportunity to come and stay awhile. And we will always be grateful."

Reports from the reservation indicate there is a considerable amount of debris scattered about and a large number of downed trees.

There was not a great deal of damage to area homes, the reservation was still without electricity or running water at press time.

"We don't know when we are going to have the power restored," said Chief Clayton

Sylestine. "And we have a lot of children here who need to go to school."

In the meantime, many of the children may be enjoying an extended vacation from school, considering the fact they were treated to a day at Lazer Zone family fun center in Ada courtesy of the Chickasaw Nation.

Twenty-one adults and 14 children enjoyed a day of lazer tag, arcade games, bowling and cheeseburgers at Lazer Zone Sept. 30.

While the evacuees are grateful for the hospitality shown by the Chickasaw Nation, they are understandably anxious to re-

turn home and return to a more normal life.

Chief Clayton expressed a sense of unity between the Chickasaw Nation and his own tribe, who, like the Chickasaw, are originally from what is now the southeastern United States.

"No matter what language, or what part of the country, we are still one people. And we've got to stand as one people and be strong," he said. "We survived, and we're going to survive again. The people of the Alabama Coushatta tribe will survive."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribe endows chair in pediatric diabetes

OKLAHOMA CITY – Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) proudly announces a tribal partnership with the Chickasaw Nation to create and establish the Chickasaw Nation Endowed Research Chair in Pediatric Diabetes.

"We are concerned about the alarming rate at which American Indian children are developing Type 2 diabetes," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Because of the high incidence rate of diabetes in American Indians and especially Chickasaws, we feel it is our duty to support medical research that may one day lead to the prevention of this devastating disease."

The Chickasaw Nation is the 13th largest tribe in the United States whose citizens total more than 38,000 and are highly progressive in the development of health care programs to meet the needs of their citizens. The Chickasaws opened a state-of-the-art diabetes care center in Ada in April 2004, providing comprehensive treatment capabilities to their citizenry. The tribe is strongly committed to the health of American Indians and recognizes the need for this groundbreaking research.

The Chickasaw Nation joins the Inasmuch Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control, the Ruth and Paul Jonas Estate, the Trachtenberg Family, the George and Donna Nigh Family, and Oklahoma Kiwanis, in creating the CMRI Pediatric Diabetes Research and Education Program, a \$15 million

project. Funding for Children's Medical Research Institute programs have grown 500% since 1999.

"Partly due to these partnerships, Children's Medical Research Institute is creating a comprehensive metabolic studies research center," said Kathy McCracken, Executive Director of CMRI. "This center is to be staffed with leading researchers performing studies and clinical trials while working with new state-of-the-art equipment. This research center is capable of exploring diabetes from environmental, bio-medical and genetic standpoints crucial to achieving breakthrough treatments, prevention strategies and ultimately a cure for type 2 diabetes in children."

Currently, Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of type 2 diabetes in the nation. The rates of this disease among American Indian children in the state may be as high as 25%. Approximately one in 8 American Indians have diabetes. Diabetes has become the fourth leading cause of death in American Indians ranking Oklahoma 15th in the nation for diabetes deaths. Tribal

partnerships like the one with the Chickasaw Nation helps to ensure future funding in type 2 diabetes in ethnic minorities. In 1999, Children's Medical Research Institute supported Ruth and Paul Jonas Chair, Kenneth C. Copeland, M.D. He was recruited to direct the OU Children's Physicians Diabetes Center. It is the only comprehensive center for pediatric diabetes in the state and offers ongoing 24 hours / day, 7 days / week, 365 days / year case management services for diabetic children and their families.

Dr. Copeland, who will serve as Principal Investigator of the program, is currently in the process of recruiting four new scientists to head the new study center. The new OU College of Medicine study center will be located on the first floor of the O' Donoghue Research Building. Dr. Copeland believes that the risk for type 2 diabetes can be defined years prior to its clinical presentation, and that early risk identification can be translated into highly targeted, earlier, and more aggressive intervention strategies designed to prevent this clinical disease.



Alabama Coushatta children enjoy the games at Lazer Zone.



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Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team members are, front row from left, Charles Scott, Josh Hoover and Mike Boissinan, and director Ronald Scott. Back row from left, Josh Gilliam, Nick Dalton, David Saint, Wes Roberts, Daniel Arms, Jon Humphers, Casey Kelley, Johanna Hoover and Tim Bray.

offered him a ride to safety.

"He said, 'You're not taking us. There'll be a shootout.' I asked him if he would come off the balcony, and he wouldn't," Scott said.

The team's whole strategy, Scott said, was to treat the survivors with respect, talk calmly with them and offer them help. The tactic would end up working.

While the conversation with

the man was unfolding, team member Wes Roberts saw a lady walk out of the building. The lady told Roberts she was one-half Crow.

"She was a very Christian lady," Roberts said. "She said to me, 'I have been praying a savior would come and rescue me. We have been here six days. I expected an Indian spirit to come rescue me, and now the Chickasaw Nation comes down

here to save me.' And she turned around to the other people and told them she was leaving."

After the encounter with the Crow lady, the man on the balcony spoke into his radio.

"He asked, 'Who all wants to go?'" Scott said. "We started wondering who all was around this building."

The man directed the team to go around to the back of the building.

'You can't really understand the destruction'



David Saint

David Saint is a 23-year-old Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team member who was tackling his first big assignment.

"When we left it was actually kind of scary for me because of all the things we heard were going on," Saint said. "But once we got there and got to work, it sort of settled down."

The team was housed at the Walmart building near the New Orleans convention center. The

team would rise about six each morning and work until about seven in the evening, depending on the heat.

"You really can't understand the destruction until you see it," Saint said. "After a few days, you get accustomed to it and can focus on what you are looking for."

Saint said trash and wrecked cars littered the entire landscape. But it was the smell that he recalls most vividly.

"The water was pretty stagnant, and the military had warned us not to go in it," Saint said. "Sometimes you had to reach people. But you cannot describe the smell. It is something you never want to smell again."

All team members received tetanus plus hepatitis A and B booster shots before entering the city. Washing up after a day on the job consisted of a couple of gallon jugs of water and a quick washing in the Walmart parking

lot after dark.

Saint echoed other team members regarding the rescue of the 29 people at the apartment complex.

"We were happy to get them to safety, but a lot of them still expressed reservations about leaving," Saint said. "This was all they had and they didn't want to leave. We tried to understand what they were going through."

Much of the housing in the city, Saint said, would have to be destroyed.

"There was already mold growing after just a few days," Saint said. "There was slime built up already on the walls. Brick walls were collapsed. Things were just wrecked."

For Saint, it was his first experience away from his wife, Cindy. The couple is expecting its first child. He is a heat and air technician for Chickasaw Enterprises.

"We were concerned at that time because we were actually wide open," Scott said. "The SWAT people had said these people had been shooting at them for two days. There were nine of us, and we went around to the back of the building."

When the HMTT got to the back, a total of 29 people were lined up. They were ready for rescue.

"It is hard to explain the feeling of satisfaction we had helping these people," Scott said. "You have to understand some of these people were close to delirious. They needed someone to be kind to them, take their hand and lead them to safety. You just had to approach them in the right way if they were to be saved."

Team members related that some of the people rescued that day at the apartment building thought they were going to be placed in concentration camps. Some thought they would be arrested and shipped off to places unknown.

"It's hard to imagine how the human mind works when it is placed under such incredible stress," Scott said. "And the survivors would see some of the other teams, which had a tactical and aggressive look. They just drew their own conclusions."

When the team returned to the command center with the 29 survivors, they were met with disbelief.

"The people came out with us because we took our time with them and helped build trust," Scott said. "We promised them we would get them to where they wanted to go, and we followed up with that. I had at least ten people come up and shake my hand or hug me. It was emotionally draining."

Throughout its mission in New Orleans, the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team checked 42 square miles of the city. The team negotiated with many residents in life-threatening situations. A total of 69 people were rescued from the devastation by the team.

Woman near death is rescued from building

One Hurricane Katrina survivor was near death when rescued by Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team members and other volunteers.

While searching near an apartment complex, a volunteer thought he heard a weak cry for help. Investigating inside, the team discovered an older lady in the doorway of her first-floor apartment. She was standing in water up to her neck.

"It had been nine days since the hurricane struck, and she had not eaten or drank in four days," team director Ron Scott said. "She was too old and weak to break in any other doors and

get food and water."

The storm and flooding had left the lady completely naked and delirious. As the lady was brought on the boat, a volunteer suffered a serious wound, which Scott and team member Wes Roberts treated.



"The water was so toxic, it was amazing she was still alive," Scott said. "The military told us they really didn't know just how to treat people who were exposed to it

because it tested so toxic."

The woman was transported to a medical facility and, at this writing, had survived the experience.

'Some of them just lost touch with reality'



Flooding like this was a common site to Chickasaw Search and Rescue team members who assisted in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

For Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team member Mike Boissinan, the mission to New Orleans was like traveling to a war zone.

"That is how it looked, just like a war zone," Boissinan said. "It was absolutely mass destruction."

Boissinan said one success the team had was with one man who initially refused to leave his home.

"When we first met this man, we talked with him for an hour and a half," Boissinan said. "He wouldn't leave. We returned again, and he wouldn't leave."

Finally, on the third afternoon he came with us. That was a good feeling for me. If he would have stayed much longer, he would have died. It was a tough area and he was running out of food and water."

Boissinan said the team was almost always escorted by mili-

tary personnel. Many times, he said, team members donned flak jackets.

"The first couple of days after the storm there was just no law in the city," Boissinan said. "People had no food or water, they were scared and some of them just lost touch with reality."

The hardest thing to see, Boissinan said, was the death encountered on every mission.

"Out on the boats, you would see a lot of death. Every grid we entered, we saw it."

Animals, Boissinan said, were everywhere.

"There were dead animals everywhere you looked," he said. "There were thousands of live animals, abandoned, some in packs, some on their own. You would often see them standing on the top of cars."

For Boissinan, the experience brought perspective.



Mike Boissinan

"We all felt as if we had really done something when we rescued those 30 people out of one building," he said. "It was unbelievable."

"This experience makes me glad to live where I live," Boissinan said. "I personally want to thank Governor Anotubby for putting this team together and giving us the opportunity to serve."

Boissinan is a team member who works at Idle Time RV in Allen, Okla.

'Our job was to save people's lives'



Wes Roberts

Wes Roberts is a Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team member. During the team's mission to New Orleans, Roberts experienced the devastation of the city, and the human drama that accompanied it.

"We focused a lot of our time on individual people," Roberts said. "We believed our job was to save people's lives, so we would commit our time and resources to actually getting people to safety."

Roberts said many of the state

task forces were concerned with marking grid sections on maps and covering territory. That tactic, he said, often left survivors behind.

"I was asked by one team why we were wasting so much time on individuals," Roberts said. "We would often take three hours to check a city block. We just had to be sure." Many times Chickasaw Search and Rescue team members would go through windows, check rooms, and even check under beds for survivors.

"If we had the feeling there might be someone there, we were going to check thoroughly," Roberts said.

The death and devastation in one area, Roberts said, was particularly bad. The area was located between dikes which had been breached, causing massive destruction.

"The sight of the city and the water and the chaos, at first, is unbelievable," Roberts said.

"But you soon get down to the business of helping all the people you can."



Every imaginable item was wrecked throughout New Orleans, including aircraft.



Chickasaw Search and Rescue team members, along with military personnel, inspect a New Orleans home. The team checked homes and buildings following Hurricane Katrina and rescued a number of citizens.

Oklahoma's flood control system under increased pressure

Hurricane Katrina has brought much attention to the levees and dikes that protect low lying areas from flooding in Louisiana. However, unknown to many Oklahomans is the aging system of dams that make up a \$2 billion investment in the states infrastructure. Funding through the Flood Control Act of 1944, Pilot Watershed Program, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, and the Resource Conservation and Development Program have built over 2100 upstream flood control dams across Oklahoma. Approximately 750 of these structures are located within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

These small watershed dams (you may know them as flood control lakes) were built primarily to protect agricultural lands from flooding, a significant economic benefit in the middle half of the 20th century. Some also had multi-purpose functions such as recreation or municipal water supplies and still provide those needs today. However, time has changed the landscape around the dams. People forgot the flooding that occurred prior to the dams. They built homes and business on land that would have frequently been flooded if not for the dams upstream. Sedimentation has filled basins and structural materials, such as concrete and metal in the principal spillways in the dams have deteriorated over time. Many of the structures today do not meet current dam safety regulations that have become more stringent over the years. The majority of these dams were built with a 50-year lifespan. Construction began in Oklahoma in the late 1940's and some of these dams have reached or exceeded their designed lifespan. Well over a thousand dams are 30-40 years old and over 500 will have exceeded 50 years old within the next five years.

Although there is no imminent danger of structure failure, just general maintenance and repair is a significant burden for conservation districts, the agencies primarily responsible for the task. Many of these subdivisions of state government have no means to generate revenue to meet the annual maintenance requirements, not to mention

a significant overhaul. It is estimated that 80 dams need to be upgraded to protect life and property and 110 need repairs that, if not corrected, will have significant adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts. In the Fourth Congressional District, 10 of the 13 Chickasaw Nation counties, there are over 650 structures that provide almost \$25 million dollars in monetary benefits through reductions in flood damage, recreation, municipal and industrial water supplies, and environmental protection. Small upstream flood control dams in this area provide flood control benefits to over 6500 farms and ranches, protect more than 350 bridges, and prevent approximately 2.6 million tons of sediment from entering Lake

Texoma and the Red River.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is authorized by the Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 to provide technical and financial assistance to watershed project sponsors in rehabilitating aging dams. Rehabilitation will extend the service life of the structures and bring them into compliance with current regulations or decommission dams so they no longer pose a threat to life and property. The 2002 Farm Bill authorized \$600 million dollars in funding for rehabilitation for years 2003 through 2007. It is estimated that \$30 million is need in Oklahoma just for the highest priority dams; those with significant structural deficiencies or urban build up down stream. NRCS

may provide up to 65% of funding and project sponsors provide remaining 35%.

Although many Oklahomans are not old enough to remember flooding before the more than 2000 small upstream flood control dams were built, residents continue to reap the benefits of this aging, often unseen state infrastructure. Though local, state, and federal partnerships are trying to address the issue, an increase in public understanding of these dams is needed. Rehabilitation will insure that these dams remain safe as well as provide flood control, recreation, and wildlife habitat for another 50 to 100 years.

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Shadow of an Indian Star launched from Pauls Valley

Authors Bill and Cindy Paul conducted the official national book launch of *Shadow of an Indian Star* Sept. 3 at the Old Pauls Valley Cemetery, where a number of characters from the book are buried.

The authors signed copies of the book and discussed the story, which chronicles a fascinating period of Chickasaw history from the late 1820s to Oklahoma statehood.

As a young boy Bill Paul was fascinated by the family legends of gunfights, bravery, family infighting and betrayal he heard from his grandfather William Ikard "Pike" Paul.

As the years went on, however, he began to believe the stories may have been tall tales grown to new heights in the fertile imagination of his colorful ancestor.

"Over a period of years he told me all these stories," said Bill Paul. "And I thought after a while 'well, he's just making all this up,' because he told some wild stuff."

Years later, as Bill began to retell the stories to his wife, Cindy, they stirred her interest. A photo of Sam Paul almost seemed to be speaking to her, telling her that if she would do the research, she would find an

incredible story.

Almost 10 years later, that incredible story has been published as *Shadow of an Indian Star*, which chronicles a fascinating period of Chickasaw history from the late 1820s to Oklahoma statehood.

Shadow of an Indian Star is

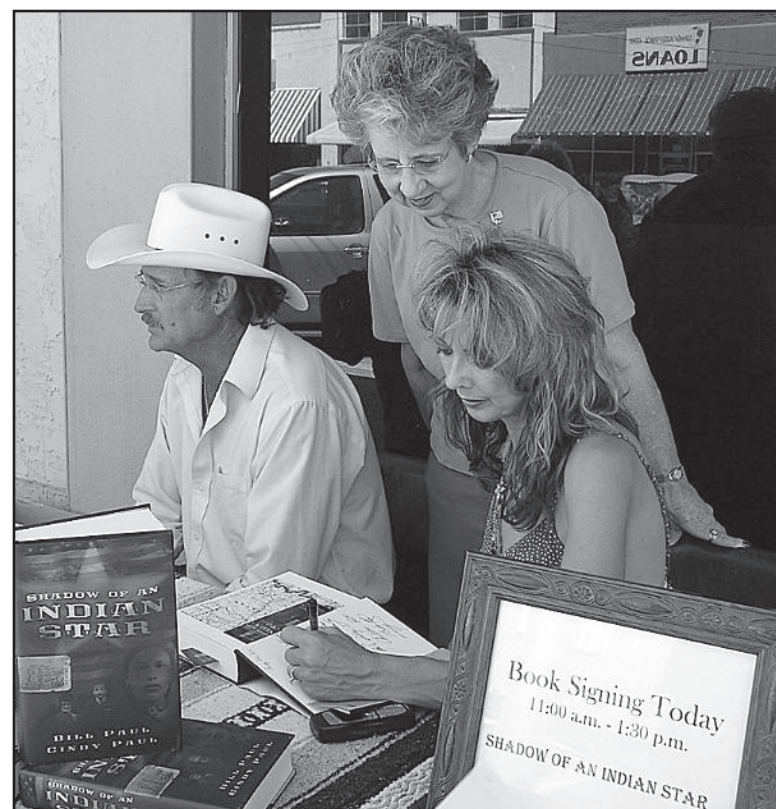
now in book stores nationwide.

Ask for the book at local book stores.

For more information about the book, a schedule of personal appearances or to read excerpts, visit the Website www.shadowofanindianstar.com.



Bill and Cindy Paul sign copies of *Shadow of an Indian Star* Sept. 3 during the national book launch conducted at the Old Pauls Valley Cemetery in Pauls Valley, Okla.



Cindy Paul signs a copy of *Shadow of an Indian Star* for Ruth Ann Taylor's son, Rob, who is currently stationed in Iraq. Sergeant Adam Eldred, the Pauls' son, is also serving in Iraq, which is how the couple met Mrs. Taylor. The Pauls have sent several copies of the book to soldiers stationed overseas.

Red Dirt Book Festival set for Oct. 28 in Shawnee



SHAWNEE — Shawnee's Heart of Oklahoma Expo Conference Center will be the location of the Red Dirt Book Festival 2005 October 28 and 29. More than 80 Oklahoma authors and storytellers will be presenting more than 45 free workshops, discussions, and presentations to crowds of aspiring writers, students of literature, and avid readers.

"Anyone who enjoys a good book, who is mystified by the creative process, or who wants to write, will enjoy what this festival offers," said Julia Harmon, festival planner and program chair.

The free book festival opens at 9 a.m. October 28 with Tim Tingle, honorary festival chairperson addressing the general assembly. Tingle is a Choctaw author and storyteller whose book, *Walking the Choctaw Road*, was selected to be the "Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Book" for 2005.

Tingle will also give a presentation Friday at 10:15 a.m. about the mystical elements of Choctaw oral literature, and will participate in a panel discussion of Native American literature Friday afternoon at 2:25 p.m.

Among the impressive slate of authors traveling to Shawnee for the Red Dirt Book Festival are Carolyn Hart, William Bernhardt, Marcia Preston, Rilla Askew, and Sharon Sala.

Carolyn Hart is the author of 37 mysteries with 2.5 million books in print, winner of three Agatha Awards for Best Novel, two Anthonys and two Macavities. Hart was one of ten mystery authors featured at the National Book Festival on the Mall in Washington D.C. in October 2003. Hart will be the feature speaker at the Friday, Oct. 28, banquet at 6 p.m. She will also participate in the panel discussing Oklahoma setting on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:15 a.m.

William Bernhardt is the author or editor of 20 books with more than 10 million copies in print worldwide. Library Journal

named Bernhardt the "master of the courtroom drama." His books have been translated and published in more than two dozen countries. Bernhardt will participate in a panel discussing publishing in Oklahoma on Friday, Oct. 28 at 10:15 a.m. and will speak at the "Menu for Success" luncheon that same day.

Marcia Preston is the author of an Oklahoma mystery series. The second title in the series, *Song of the Bones* won the 2004 Mary Higgins Clark Award for suspense fiction, and the 2004 Oklahoma Book Award in fiction. Preston will participate in the panel on publishing on Friday, Oct. 28 at 10:15 a.m.; the "Menu for Success" luncheon on Friday and will give a presentation, "Getting your First Novel Published," Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:15 a.m.

Rilla Askew is author of *Mercy Seat*, which won the Oklahoma Book Award and the Western Heritage Award, and was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award. *Fire in Beulah* won the American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation and the Myers Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center. Askew's first book, *Strange Business* also received the Oklahoma Book Award and is represented in *Prize Stories 1993: The O. Henry Awards*. Askew will participate in the "Mystery of Place" panel discussion Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2:15 p.m.

Sharon Sala is a popular fiction author and master of romance whose 61st book, *Bloodlines* written under her pen name, Dinah McCall, was released in April 2005. Her books repeatedly make the big lists, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publisher's Weekly* and *Waldenbooks Mass Market Fiction*. Sala will be a panelist on "Romance Writing" on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m.

Many of the 82 participating authors, illustrators and storytellers will give readings or do book signings during the festival.

The Red Dirt Book Festival, now in its second biennial production, has already become the largest event of its kind in central Oklahoma. It is sponsored by the Pioneer Library System with major funding from the Oklahoma Humanities Council. There is no fee to attend the Red

Dirt Book Festival but registration is required. To register, log on to www.reddirtbookfestival.org. Three meal functions and a number of special activities are included in the festival and do require admission fee as well as registration.

For complete information about the Red Dirt Book Festival, including registration procedures, a detailed schedule of activities with optional tours of local attractions, biographical information about each author, and a complete list of sponsors

and benefactors, visit the Red Dirt Book Festival web site at www.reddirtbookfestival.org.

2005 Junior Olympics



Girls enjoy a fun run during 2005 Annual Meeting & Chickasaw Festival. More photos will be published in the November issue of the Chickasaw Times.

Child Development Conference set for Nov. 4-5

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Child Care Development Department workers will host the Second Annual Child Development Conference 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 5 at East Central University.

More than 200 participants are expected to attend the event.

Mary Harding will deliver the keynote address during the Saturday luncheon.

Tier I and Tier II training will be provided for those involved in child development and a variety of topics will be addressed.

For more information, contact Gary Wear or Denisia Deramus at (580) 436-0877 or e-mail Gary at gary.wear@chickasaw.net.

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Retirement presentation



Governor Anoatubby presents tribal chief financial officer Wes Brantley with a Pendleton blanket during Mr. Brantley's recent retirement gathering.

CNI takes part in *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* project



CNI crew members install a wall as *Extreme Makeover* cast member Ed Sanders explains the process. CNI crew members who worked on the project included Dereyl Wright, Mike Mitchell, Mike Williams, Ronnie Wasel, Rob Crowley, Richard Lewis, Richard Laden, Jerri Johns, Peggy Hill, Frank Howe, Joe Don Williams, Brad Reynolds, Teri Wnkelman, Randall Stanley, Mark Brown, Mark Murphy and Ron Ward.

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) recently played a major role in the most ambitious project undertaken by ABC Television's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

More than a dozen CNI construction division employees joined Stoam Industries employees at Camp Barnabas in Barry County, Missouri to complete the walls and roofs of three buildings in only two days.

Part of a massive project that included more than 2,000 volunteers, the CNI crew was instrumental in completing a family home, staff quarters, media center for campers and more at Camp Barnabas in seven days.

Camp Barnabas is a non-denominational Christian camp for special needs children, including those with serious illness or disabilities.

The Teas family, who operate the facility, were selected for the project because they have sacrificed their own standard of living to make sure no child is turned away because of the inability to pay.

"You guys are absolute heroes," said Mike Williams, CNI Director of Operations, to a crew of 18 who had worked more than 20 hours in two days to complete their portion of the project.

"You did pretty good work for a bunch of desk-jockeys," Williams, who led the crew, added with a wide grin and obvious pride.

He explained that while the crew members all had construction-site experience, it had been years since most of them "were out swinging hammers."

Deryl Wright, President and CEO of CNI, donned work clothes and a hardhat to help complete the project.

"This opportunity to go and give back to the community was really appealing to us," said Wright. "CNI is not just

an Oklahoma company. It's a national company. Today we have active projects on the east and west coast and lots of places in between.

"So the fact that it was in Missouri was not a concern for us, because we have other projects that we're doing for the Army today at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri."

While workers were scheduled to begin erecting walls of the bunk house 9 a.m. Saturday morning, by that time, the walls and roof of the bunk house and the media building were already in place.

"The whole Camp Barnabas *Extreme Makeover* was actually falling behind – the guys doing the dirt work, getting the plumbing and electrical up to where these facilities were going to be built, then pouring the concrete – they were at least a half a day behind," Wright said. "Using the Stoam product and CNI's excitement we were actually able to get that project back on track."

"When we were finished erecting those buildings we brought them ahead of schedule as a result of our involvement and working with Russ Wright and the whole Stoam team. That's pretty exciting."



Volunteers worked all night to complete the project at Camp Barnabas. From right, Brad Reynolds, Mike Mitchell and an unidentified Stoam Industries employee carry a wall section as Mark Murphy comes to assist.

In addition to the three major building projects, the camp's infrastructure was improved by adding sewer and underground electrical lines and the gravel entrance road received a layer of asphalt.

The Teas were also surprised at the gate by two new Ford Explorers that were donated to the camp. The campers received a new "zip line" for their high ropes course, improvements to their playground, plus the hearts of every volunteer worker on the project.

"They needed a new house but the Teas will be more excited about the improvements that will affect the campers and their experience at Camp Barnabas," said Paul Rienert, board member of the camp.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition airs at 7 p.m. each Sunday on ABC television. The Camp Barnabas episode will air this fall in October, but a specific date has not been confirmed.

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Housing Fair offers advice on home buying



Housing Counseling and Loan Services Director Kay Perry shares information about the cost of home ownership with Housing Fair participants.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development recently hosted a Housing Fair September 17 in Ada. Citizens from

around the area were able to gain a better understanding about buying or building a home.

Housing Counseling and Loan Services staff provided ex-

pertise and advice on home shopping and buying, lending, budgeting, credit maintenance, loan applications and contracts. Participants were able to ask pertinent questions and find out more information about what housing products are currently available.

"Our mission is to assist citizens and neighbors in improving the quality of life through home ownership," said section head Summer Stick. "This fair provided an excellent opportunity for them to learn more about the home purchasing process, as well as information needed when preparing to shop for or build a home."

Several area businesses were on hand to answer questions and provide information about insurance, home loans and real estate. Those on-site included American National Insurance,

Farmers Insurance, First Mortgage Company, First United Bank, Maxwell Realty, Tri-County Oklahoma Mutual and Vision Bank.

The event was made possible through a counseling grant awarded to the Division of Housing & Tribal Development from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Participants were also treated to a free lunch and give-a-ways which included a DVD/VHS Recorder Player Combo, a cordless phone system, a 24" Flat Screen TV and many more household items.

To find out more about Housing Counseling & Loan Services, contact the Division of Housing & Tribal Development at (580) 421-8862.

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October is Fire Prevention Month; update your fire safety

During the month of October, fire departments across the country will be focusing on educating the public and reinforcing the importance of fire safety. Each year many lives are lost to fire. Often these losses could have been avoided had precaution been taken. Fire Prevention Month is the time set aside to bring fire prevention and awareness to the forefront.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing Tribal Development's Code & Life Safety Enforcement Section has provided the following safety tips written by the National Fire Protection Association.

1) Keep An Eye On The Stovetop

Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven. Always have a lid nearby to slide over a pan in case of fire. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires – the majority of stovetop fires happen because of unattended cooking.

2) Give Space Heaters Space

Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Heating is the leading cause of reported, unconfirmed home fires during the winter months of December, January and February.

3) Smokers Need Watchers

Encourage smokers to smoke outside. Provide sturdy, deep ashtrays and make sure cigarette butts and ashes are out before throwing them away. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths and the third leading cause of home fire injuries.

4) Keep Matches And Lighters Out Of Reach

Keep matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children – up high in a locked cabinet. Children under the age of six are the most likely to start fires while playing with matches and lighters.

5) Inspect Electrical Cords

Inspect electrical cords to make sure they are not pinched behind furniture, under rugs or stretched. Replace cords that are cracked, frayed, have broken plugs or have loose connections.

Electrical distribution equipment is the fifth leading cause of home fires and the sixth leading cause of home fire deaths.

6) Be Vigilant When Using Candles

Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn and put them out when you leave the room or go to sleep. From 1990 to present the number of candle fires has almost tripled.

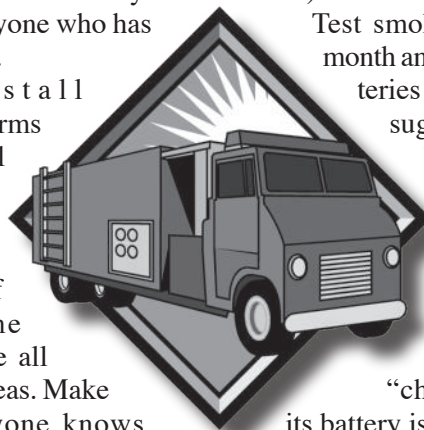
7) Have A Home Fire Escape Plan

Make a home fire escape plan and practice your plan at least twice a year so everyone knows what to do in a fire emergency.

Make sure there are two ways out of every room and building. Include provisions in your plan for anyone who has a disability.

8) Install Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the alarm. If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, install interconnected



alarms in the bedrooms so when one sounds, they all sound

9) Test Smoke Alarms

Test smoke alarms once a month and replace their batteries twice a year (it is suggested to change batteries each time you change your clock for Daylight Savings Time – April and October), or when the alarm “chirps” to tell you its battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.

10) Get Low And Go

If you must escape through smoke, crawl low on your hands and knees to your exit, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor where the air is cleaner.

For more information on fire safety tips, visit the National Fire Protection Association online at www.nfpa.org or contact the Manager of the Chickasaw Nation Code & Life Safety Enforcement Section at (580) 272-5400.

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Tribal sharing event focuses on air quality

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Environmental Section recently hosted members of 13 tribes for an Air Quality Information Sharing Event conducted September 8 in Ada.

The event was made possible through funding from the Clean Air Act Section 103 Grant that was awarded to the Environmental Section of the Chickasaw Nation Housing and Tribal Development Division.

The grant was designed to create programming for capacity building projects such as this Information Sharing Event. The goal of the event was to provide expert advice from environmental professionals that would inform tribal personnel of general air quality topics such as air monitoring equipment operations and techniques.

“This topic is so important to

the health and future health of our tribal lands,” Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “It is great to see tribes join together to enhance life for all American Indians.”

The Clean Air Act Section 103 Assistance Agreement is utilized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess and identify contaminants impacting tribal lands and its citizens.

This assistance agreement enables tribes to become familiarized with the Clean Air Act and to understand what air monitoring methods best fit their tribal needs. The event helped supply each participating tribe with the knowledge to develop both their air quality program and monitoring concepts.

This was the first event of its kind hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, but future workshops



Governor Bill Anoatubby welcomes officials from other tribes and organizations who attended the tribal event on air quality.

are being planned. The participating tribes included the Absentee Shawnee Nation, the Cherokee Nation, the Cheyenne Arapaho Nation, the Delaware Nation, the Fort Sill Apache Nation, the Miami Nation, the Muscogee Creek Nation, the

Pawnee Nation, the Peoria Nation, the Pottawatomie Nation, the Sac & Fox Nation, the Seminole Nation and the Chickasaw Nation.

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Nikki Owings-Crumm shares information about Delaware Nation test sites with event participants.



Vicki Wilson and Ruth Sanderson, representing the Sac & Fox Nation, attended event to gain knowledge of techniques other tribes were using for testing and monitoring air quality.

House of Hope clients benefit from Foundation gift

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes due to the new 911 laws. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money from this plan to local charities. One of the charities selected this year was The House of Hope Pregnancy Care Center. It is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that serves the city of Ada and surrounding communities. The agency was founded as Crisis Pregnancy Services, Inc. in 1993. Its mission is to educate, inform and support girls and women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy in a non-judgmental, safe and loving environment.

The center currently offers the following services free and confidential to all of their clients:

- Free Pregnancy Testing -

No appointment necessary; results in just minutes.

- Earn While You Learn - An educational program for clients who are expecting or have a child less than one year of age. These classes help the client earn "mommy money" that she can use in the Mommy Store set up at the center.
- All products in the Mommy Store are donated.
- Abstinence Education - Offered to each client who comes into the center.
- Options Information - When facing an unplanned pregnancy, a woman has three options. She can choose to parent, a plan of adoption or abortion. The center has information regarding each option. The center does not, however, refer for abortions. It is the belief of the center that the life of mother and child is valuable and precious, and the center seeks

to protect and serve both.

- Rachel's Vineyard - A post-abortion program for men and women who have been hurt by abortion.
- Mentoring - Each client is matched with a volunteer for weekly meetings for encouragement and support.
- Adoption Assistance - Referrals and one-on-one help with an adoption specialist.
- Community Referrals
- 24 Hour Helpline

Because of the expansion of services and the demand for more office space, the donation given by the Chickasaw Foundation helped the agency to convert one of its break rooms into an education and counseling room. By providing furniture, a TV/VCR, lighting, air conditioning, etc. the center is now able to serve multiple clients at one time, while still maintaining the client's privacy. The center was also able to

purchase high-demand items for the Mommy Store. Diapers and baby toiletries go quickly out of the Mommy Store because they are such a necessity.

Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation's mission is to promote the general welfare and culture of the

Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs. The Board of Trustees generously donated funds to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief fund this month.

Friends of the Foundation

Please mark your calendars for the Chickasaw Foundation's 4th annual Friends of the Foundation reception on November 10, 2005. This event is hosted to honor our donors and volunteers who give their time, resources

and talents to assist with our events, activities and programs throughout the year.

The Chickasaw Foundation will present awards and refreshments will be provided.



Shown above are attendees at the 2004 Friends of the Foundation reception enjoying the atmosphere at the event.

Cultural Evening 2005

What a turnout we had for the 5th annual Cultural Evening on September 27 at Kullihoma.

The event was conducted in conjunction with the Chickasaw Festival, and showcased Na-

tive American artisans and our Chickasaw culture.

There was an activity area just for children and a free barbecue meal was provided.



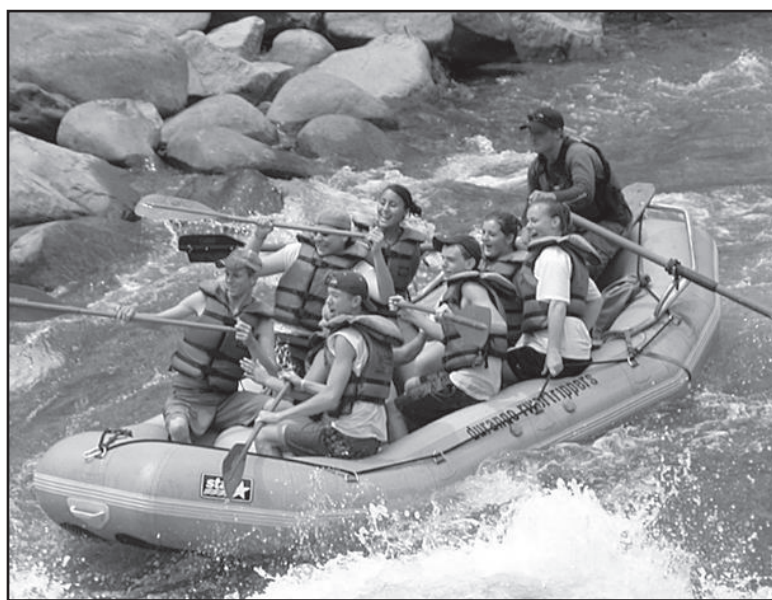
Raelyn Kiel, left, and Tyla Carpenter learn the craft of beading at the Children's Tent during Cultural Evening.

Upward Bound students complete session

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students completed their summer instructional session in June at Murray State College in Tishomingo and prepared for the annual year-end trips.

The sophomore students enjoyed three days in Arlington, Texas. Their activities included a Texas Rangers baseball game, Six Flags over Texas and Hurricane Harbor Water Park. The junior students traveled to San Antonio, Texas where they enjoyed a tour of the Alamo, Sea World, Schlitterbaun Water Park and a guided tour of the Riverwalk in a canal boat. The senior students were headed to South Padre Island, Texas when the hurricane blew in and staff had to make a quick change of plans. This group headed to Durango, Colorado where they were able to river raft down the Animas River, ride on airplane gliders and go to the movies.

The bridge students who successfully completed their college classes also went to Durango, Colorado. They participated in hot air balloon rides in Pagosa Springs, river rafting down the Animas River, airplane gliders and Mesa Verde National Park.

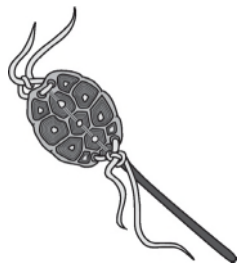


Upward Bound students shown here on a river rafting adventure at the Animas River on one of their summer trips this year.

They also traveled up the mountains to visit historic Silverton. Each group enjoyed fine dining experiences, shopping at local malls and swimming at the hotels.

Students returned to their schools in August and will begin another school year participating in monthly activities with the Upward Bound program. The bridge students have graduated from the program and will go on to pursue a college degree.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program serves over 150 high school students in 23 schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call 580-371-9903.



Study suggests social grouping by warrior, pacifist units

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Early in the 18th century, England and France were trying to strengthen their new colonies in the lower Mississippi Valley by vying for alliances with Indian tribes. The Chickasaws received representatives from both colonies, Carolina and Louisiana, in their villages arrayed along ridgetops in what is today modern Tupelo, Mississippi.

The Chickasaws were together, enclosed within several square miles, and yet they were apart, separated into four distinct settlements. Was this settlement arrangement significant or random? No reading of the two best 18th century sources of information on Chickasaw life, James Adair and Thomas Nairne, could leave any doubt that nothing the tribe did was random.

Their social organization could be similarly characterized: they were together as a tribe; yet they were divided into kinship-based clans that tribal members agree were more important to them than tribal affiliation. But no sources describe in detail the Chickasaws' social organization.

Most white colonists evidently couldn't see an advantage to studying this organization, or were never permitted to do so. And there were no anthropologists around to conduct interviews, make kinship charts, and list and classify all the clans. So, we don't know much about interaction inside a clan or among clans. We presume there were many clans and that the amount decreased with time. We don't know how or why they sometimes worked together and at other times worked independently or were in opposition. But, the intruding colonials certainly had an impact, which eventually led to the formation of multiple factions within the tribe.

Some scholars, notably archaeologist Jay Johnson and ethnohistorian Robbie Ethridge of the University of Mississippi, have attempted to explain these mysteries in another way. They begin by citing the dual nature of the social organizations of many Southeastern Indian

tribes, including the Chickasaw. According to these scholars, the tribes were divided into what anthropologists call the red and white moieties (*moy-a-tees*). Red was the traditional color representing war and white represented peace. Clans in the red moiety consisted of the warriors; clans in the white moiety were not warriors and supposedly promoted peace. Red clans lived together in red villages. And white clans populated white villages.

French colonists in the 1730s noted that the tribal villages were contained in two distinct settlements. They called one the Large Prairie, which was located about two to three miles north of the Small Prairie. Johnson and Ethridge have found that arrangement convenient to advance their hypothesis that the Large Prairie was red and pro-English and the Small Prairie was white and mainly pro-French.

Their suppositions were based on the study of colonial documents and artifacts excavated by archaeologists years before from the remains of a few villages in both large and small prairies. First, the English documents reveal that since the English wanted Indian slaves for plantation work, they armed the Chickasaws to increase their effectiveness in raiding other tribes; this would have appealed to the warriors or the presumed red division. The French were not opposed to slavery, but they were not in the slave business. Since they couldn't match the quantity and quality of the English trade goods, their attempt to gain allies was based more on diplomacy; this, presumably would appeal more to the white division.

Next, Johnson and other archaeologists associated some artifacts from the Large Prairie with the English (like deerskin scrapers) while finding many fewer of the same kinds in Small Prairie villages. They also said that some artifacts, associated more with the French (French-made gun parts), were found in slightly greater numbers in the Small Prairie villages, though the country of origin of many of the artifacts is difficult to determine.

The Flaws

When I began researching and writing a Chickasaw social history manuscript, I was grateful that these divisions and approximate settlement locations apparently had been worked out by Mississippi scholars. I included this basic information in the text of several chapters and cited the sources. Of course, there were problems. Why, for example, didn't English trader James Adair describe the two divisions in his 1775, 500-page book, *History of American Indians*? Descriptions of parts of Chickasaw society were covered by Adair who lived with the Chickasaws on and off during the 1740s and '50s. Why wouldn't he have included such basic information about the tribe's overall organization?

Moreover, Captain Thomas Nairne, who spent a week observing and questioning the Chickasaws and writing lengthy reports via letters in 1708, mentioned a red and a white leader, but didn't tie any clans to these individuals. He listed three clans, "Tygar, muclesa* and raccoon", and said they dealt with everything but war. In other words, they dealt with civil matters. It seems misleading to refer to them as peace clans, as some writers have done. Nairne didn't call them peace clans. He did make references in his letters to red and white, and these clearly symbolized war and peace, but he didn't refer to clans or villages as red or white.

Not finding *descriptive* references to red and white Chickasaw clans or villages in any other 18th century English or French colonial records, I sought information about a closely related tribe culturally, the Creeks. In the early part of the 20th century, some Creeks had mentioned their red and white towns to the late Smithsonian anthropologist John Swanton.

I contacted Dr. Joshua Piker, an historian and noted Creek scholar with the University of Oklahoma. He said that 18th century Creeks commonly spoke about their towns being red or white. "But, we don't know what they meant or why a particular person chose to assert a particular color-based identity for a particular town at a

particular moment." Moreover, he said he couldn't remember any pre-1775 references in the literature to Creek clans as red or white.

"We don't have a very good grasp on moieties in the 18th century Southeast," Piker said. "The Europeans weren't attuned to [the dual division] so much of our information is either missing or hopelessly jumbled. But part of our problem was our willingness to generalize across tribal lines, to ascribe to Creeks what was ascribed to Cherokees, or Chickasaws, for example."

This sketchy information on red and white divisions leaves several basic questions unanswered, such as how, when and where the red clans and white clans got together to make tribal decisions. Did the reds and whites always vote as two distinct blocks? Which division had the majority? If male members of the white clans were not warriors, what did they do? The small number of Chickasaw men mentioned in the colonial literature who assisted their wives were derided by their fellows for doing women's work.

In my narrative, I decided to fill in some of the gaps with speculation to explain partially how the dual division functioned in the tribe's relationship with the English and the French. I drew an analogy between the red and white clans and the two major American political parties, but later jettisoned it as being too oversimplified.

Two Unknown Settlements

At about this point, I began interviewing a Tupelo area artifact collector and amateur historian, and this tenuous and patch-work red and white division scenario started to unravel.

Julian Riley said that after years of studying archaeological evidence and colonial records, he and two collaborators had mapped out not just two Chickasaw settlements but four. Aside from the Large Prairie and Small Prairie, there were two others to the south and west, arrayed along lengthy ridgelines overlooking Coonewah and Chiwapa creeks. In a 1980 paper authored by them, they traced the four settlement locations in the modern Tupelo area.

For two reasons, the men be-

lieved that warriors from these latter two settlements had been doing the bulk of the slave raiding on Choctaw villages. First, these Chickasaw settlements were closest to the Choctaw and presumably served the Chickasaw as buffer villages against Choctaw attacks. These intermittent raids—in both directions—likely occurred from early English contact, in the late 1600s to the early 1720s. Second, the Tupelo men found a scenario that bolstered their belief. They learned from the French records that in 1722 "the Choctaw destroyed three Chickasaw villages that we now know were located on Chiwapa and Coonewah ridges. There is document and archaeological evidence that suggests that many of the inhabitants of these destroyed villages moved to Small Prairie villages."

For example, when the French and Choctaws moved to attack the Chickasaws in May 1736, these two groups disagreed about where to attack. The French commander, Bienville, intended to advance to the Large Prairie to destroy the villages that he suspected were harboring the Natchez fleeing from French retribution. But the Choctaw insisted that they attack the Small Prairie villages first, and they got their way. Why? "One word: Revenge," said Riley. "Those Choctaws knew where their attackers [or their descendents] had moved, and it was their blood that they were after."

It was evident to the Tupelo men that Chickasaw warriors lived in villages not just in the Large Prairie (the home of the alleged red moiety), but villages within all four settlements before the 1720s. It is also presumed that all able-bodied men, except priests and civil chiefs, were warriors, so they would have been distributed in all clans, whether known as red or white. This presumption is based on the Chickasaw division of labor recorded throughout the literature that held that females were farmers and raised the children and males were warriors

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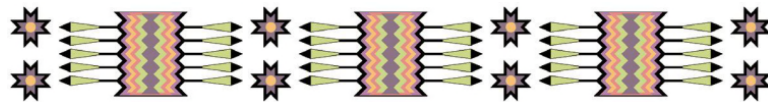
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'Its About Money' Indian firms sought for minority supplier conference



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

The time is drawing very near for the 2005 National Minority Supplier Development Council's Annual Conference and Business Opportunity Fair to be held October 23-26th in Dallas, Texas at the Dallas Convention Center.

As in years past, the conference will feature representatives from virtually all of the Fortune 500 companies who will be looking to partner with minority small business firms. This is an outstanding opportunity to get your company's products and/or services in front of buyers for corporate America. Also, this is a unique opportunity for those of us in the Oklahoma-Texas area to save a considerable amount of money by being able to drive to the conference.

Speaking of money, the registration fee for the conference is now \$700. That fee doesn't even include the costs of attending the various receptions, luncheons, breakfasts or the awards banquet. It is thus easy to see how one could spend a Mingo's ransom to pay for all these registration fees, etc.

Let me tell you how to "poor boy" it on this conference and still meet the decision makers

in person. First, forget about spending \$700 to register for the full conference. Instead, pay only \$135 to attend the Business Opportunity Fair. This fair will be held for one day only on Monday, October 24th. The dirty little secret of the NMSDC conference is that the "real" decision makers typically only fly in for this part of the conference. Go see them at their booth while they are briefly in town!

Also, forget about staying at the "official hotels" such as the Hyatt, Westin, or Crowne Plaza. You'll spend more there in two nights than what you paid for your car. Instead, check out places like Candlewood Suites (www.ichotelsgroup.com). They offer very affordable, clean accommodations in good areas for generally much less than \$100 per night. You'll even get an unlimited supply of industrial strength coffee in a take away Styrofoam cup!

As a minority, small business owner I strongly urge you to consider attending this conference and attempting to market your company's goods and services to Corporate America. You can find out more information about the conference at www.nmsdc.org. It doesn't hurt to try and this year you can make your pitch on the cheap.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$75 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Words & Phrases

School—holissoapisa
I am going to school.
Holissoapisa aya'li.

Teacher—holisso-pisachi
The teacher is watching me.
Holisso pisachi ut sa piisachi.

Write--holissochi
Write your name down.
Chi holhchifo ut holissochi takaachi.

Book—holisso
Bring that book to me.
Holisso yammata ishta minti.

Count--hotina
I can count to ten.
Pokko'li hotina ishtonala bika.

Play--chokoshkoma
Let's go play.
Chokoshkoma illiya.

Read--ittimanompoli
Read that book
Holisso yammata ittimanompoli.

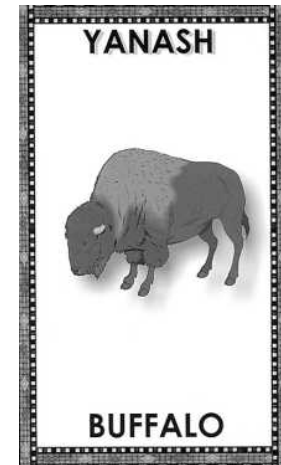
Students—holisso pisa

The students are standing.
Holisso pisa alhila ut hikki'ya.

Numbers--holhtina
Say your numbers.
Holhtina aachi

Pencil--Isht holissochi
Do you have a pencil?
Isht holissochi ut ishshishi?

Draw--Oncholi
I'm drawing on this paper.
Holisso yappat oncholi'li.



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and hunters.

These conclusions were not news to Chickasaws like Glenda Galvan, whose grandmother told her what she could remember about the ancient clans. "I remember Granny saying that each clan had a war chief, medicine man, warriors and hunters."

Confusing, Contradictory

If warriors were not concentrated in certain villages, does this mean that there were no red villages and white villages? Not necessarily, but again, the primary 18th century sources do not mention them. If Chickasaws did have red and white moieties, they could have been a remnant of pre-contact times. Perhaps their purpose was ceremonial, or a means to divide tasks and responsibilities, according to Dr. Michael Green, a University of North Carolina historian.

At any rate, these designations probably had no practical meaning by the middle of the 18th century. By then, Chickasaws were just trying to survive against enemies that almost encircled them. The tribe had consolidated into a few small villages within a three of four square-mile portion of the Large Prairie, according to the collectors' 1980 paper. Tribal members remained in that small area until the late 1790s, when families realized that it was in their interest to begin leaving the villages to settle on dispersed, individual farms.

Nevertheless, certain memories of the tribe's dual division could have survived that period and beyond. They could be the basis of the information provided by 19th and 20th century Chickasaws to anthropologists. While in toto this information from Swanton, Speck and others on dual moieties is confusing and sometimes contradictory, it does offer a veritable smorgasbord of data for scholars working on a hypothesis.

Another problem is that while the informants of Swanton and Speck mentioned a dual division, ethnologist Henry Schoolcraft and others did not. After examining all of these sources, including James Adair, John Swanton blithely wrote that the recorders who didn't mention the dual division "seem to have missed it." There "can be no question regarding it [the dual division]," he concluded.

Also, there can be no question that his opinion was influenced by his earlier study of Creek social organization, in which his Creek informants identified red and white towns by name.

Factors in Decision Making

If Chickasaws consisted of red and white moieties in 1700, what role did the divisions play in the deadly competition between the English and French to make an alliance with the tribe? Living in villages in the four settlements, how did the clan-based Chickasaws function as a tribe?

We will never know the inner workings. But we know the elements that were involved in decision-making. On the most basic level, Nairne wrote that no government could be contrived "where the equality of mankind is more Justly observed" than among the Chickasaws. This remark and other references indicate that all adult tribal members—including women—were free to make their own choices, whether it was voting for a chief or aligning with English or French traders.

A tribal member's thinking was influenced by members of his or her clan, especially the elder women in this matrilineal society. Moreover, since intra-clan marriage was forbidden and normally the husband went to live with his wife's family and clan, he could be influenced by them as well. Another important tier of the village was the clan chiefs, some of whom could be a war chief, a civil chief, or their assistants (referred to as *tishu mingo*); all exhibited their persuasiveness and rhetoric while conducting business in the village council house.

In matters of urgent national import, the leaders probably met at the council house identified by Nairne as Hollachatroe (also known as Falacheco), which he

said was the "mother-Town." This forum, on Coonewah ridge, had the potential to provide even more points of view. Varied opinions and debate, especially over the encroaching English and French, probably led members of different clans to form factions that would hold together as long as necessary. It is likely that the organization of the villages and the four settlement areas reflected the location of clans and factions.

Near the beginning of the contact period, several factions probably emerged, representing combinations of pro and con bias. They developed from closely related clans, shared points of view, and probably the warnings of priests and prophets and a host of supernatural signs and symbols.

As the 18th century progressed and circumstances changed, new factions were forged, others disappeared. By the 1740s, it was definitely in the interest of all tribal members to be allied with the English. In the pre-contact context of the dual division, the red and the white, all Chickasaws had become red.

* I asked several people about *muclesa*, and no one was familiar with it, and only John Dyson, who has been studying the 18th century Chickasaw and Choctaw languages, was willing to speculate about its meaning: "It is likely Imokla aa-asha", which would be run together in rapid speech as Imoklaa-asha', meaning 'their people are there' or 'their settlements are there.' It seems less an animal name than a descriptive band name or what Swanton calls --not altogether accurately-- 'house names' (inchokka' holchifo) in Chickasaw."

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Breastfeeding peer counselor available to assist new mothers



Jamie Lee and daughter Juliana.

Jamie Lee began working as a breastfeeding peer counselor for the Chickasaw Nation WIC program May 9, 2005. She is very committed regarding her duties as a peer counselor.

"About six years ago, when my first daughter was born, I realized the importance of having a friendly, qualified person available to offer encouragement and answer breastfeeding questions during those critical early days after birth and throughout the first year," Mrs. Lee said. "Fortunately, my baby was born at a hospital that had such a person as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), who generously of-

fered her services to me.

"Since I have now successfully nursed each of my three children well past 12 months of age, I know how valuable a support person can be," she said. "The WIC Peer Counseling Program allows me to be available to offer support and answer questions mothers may have about breastfeeding during pregnancy and their baby's first year of life. Pregnancy can be such a special time for a woman, and it is such a joy to watch a mother begin to develop a connection with her baby before birth, and then complete that magical bond by successfully breastfeeding him or her. Knowing that in this way, I have contributed to the health and well-being of an infant, and in turn their entire family, makes me feel that I have made a special contribution to our world."

Mrs. Lee has been married to her husband, Kevin, for 11 years, the couple has three children, Jadyann, six, Dylan, four, and 17-month-old Juliana. The Lee family makes it's home in Comanche, Oklahoma.

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High-Tech, hospitality sparkle at Lazer Zone



ADA, Okla. - Already one of the largest and most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the state, Lazer Zone Family Fun Center is continuing to expand. A recently expanded lazer tag arena offers more than 8,000 square feet of playing area on two levels. Batting cages and a black-lit indoor miniature golf course are also nearing completion.

"I believe that this lazer tag facility is one of the top five in the country," said David Littlefield, division manager of hotels, restaurants and entertainment for Chickasaw Enterprises. "The music, the energy, the ambience, the décor, is extraordinary."

Customers walking into Lazer Zone are immediately impressed with the festive environment created by neon signs, brightly painted walls and confetti-patterned carpet glowing in the black-lit interior.

Littlefield said customers are impressed by the attitude of the staff. Each employee at Lazer Zone strives to display a "hospitality personality."

"Hospitality personality truly gives us a unique environment for our customers to walk into. They feel the energy and the warmth of the people taking care of them," said Littlefield. "If people get along with each other well, and if they respect each other and if they are enjoying being with each other, you have a great hospitality environment. That's our goal."

Lazer Zone manager Chad McCage said staff members go out of their way to create a family-friendly atmosphere.

"We have greeters who open the door and welcome them with a big smile," said McCage. "We get a really good reaction from that. They don't know what to do. They're not used to people

opening doors for them."

Creating a family-friendly environment includes offering something for everyone in the family, including bowling, lazer tag, arcade games, concessions and a kid zone play area for younger children.

Families and groups have responded with enthusiasm, often traveling from as far away as Oklahoma City, Ardmore or further to visit Lazer Zone.

A recent Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) event featured more than a dozen competitors from Oklahoma City lining up to sign in more than two hours before enrollment was scheduled to begin. DDR is a video game that engages both physical and mental elements led by dance instructions on a screen.

Lazer Zone offers more than 80 video and arcade games in addition to DDR, so the game enthusiast is sure to find their favorite.

An upgraded lazer tag arena offering more than 8,000 square feet of playing area on two levels is one of the largest in the U.S.

The 24-lane bowling alley is very popular with families looking for something the entire family can enjoy. Budget-minded families are attracted to the fact that a family of five can bowl for less than \$10.

Parents also appreciate the KidzZone play area, where younger children can crawl through brightly-colored tunnels, clobber punching bags, climb padded stairs and glide down the wave slide to their heart's content.

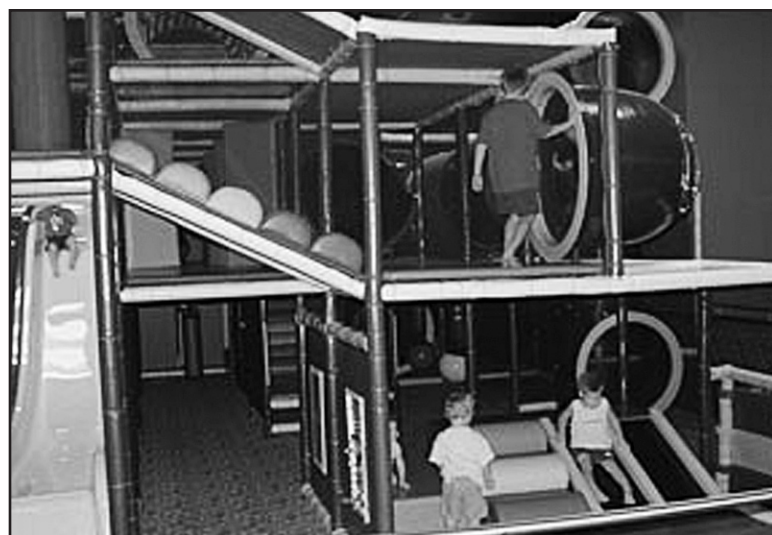
Lazer Zone is also extremely popular with school teachers, church youth groups and business executives for a wide variety of group gatherings.

For a three month period

beginning in March, schools from a wide area brought approximately 250 to 300 students per day to the facility for field trips.

Business executives find the facility a natural destination for team building exercises, because its less formal atmosphere can help break down barriers between coworkers.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Flu shots available Oct. 24-28

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Health System will conduct a flu shot clinic at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada October 24 through October 28. Flu and pneumonia shots will be given in the main conference room from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

If you choose to come to this clinic and have never received care from Carl Albert, you must first report to Registration in the main lobby to

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Children 19 and Under without a CDIB or Tribal Card that Shows Degree: A parent must show their CDIB or tribal card that shows degree along with a copy of a State certified birth

certificate.

If you don't live in Ada, all other Chickasaw Nation Health System clinics will also be providing the flu and pneumonia shots. It is recommended that you call your local clinic for dates and times the shots will be available to you.

Mike Larsen, continued from page 14

Daughter-in-law to Vacey Walker, Pauline works every day at the senior center. She is a woman who has worked since she was a child. Now her work is in service to the Chickasaw people. A ready smile and disarming humor brighten the day for anyone fortunate enough to spend time with her. Meeting up with her again at the senior conference (where the painting of her was revealed) she approached me and asked if I wasn't the one who painted her picture. When I told her I was, she replied, with that twinkle in her eye, "Well, thank you anyway."

Juanita and Ben Nail
"Ummona ittiisa Ma itihollo tok"

"Love at First Sight"

This is a true love story of two people who knew each other all their lives. Circumstance of history placed them together now to become this

wonderful unit. We interviewed them only one month after they were married. Juanita told us when they first saw each other again after so many years, "it was love at first sight." While sketching them separately in preparation to paint, their old pain was evident; when I painted them together, only the joy was seen.

Minnie Shields
"Chepota tlik oktaak"
"Prairie Girl"

This is a simple painting of a woman proud of her craft. She is a woman who exudes a strength of person, proud of her family and her medicine. Though quiet when we first interviewed her, she began to finally speak of her faith and family, which brought light to her eyes. Minnie brought one of her beautiful quilts to our interview. The style of quilt inspired the painting's name.

Emilie Dickerson
"Hatofala imilha"

"Wild Onions"

We traveled far into the past on our visit with Emilie Dickerson. She is the Chickasaw people as they were - long, long, ago. Not at all shy, speaking through her son, she took us on a tour of her garden and throughout our time with her she danced.

Erie Cravatt
"Ok ima 'lak ut in-taloowa"

"Tree Frogs are Singing"

Erie is proud of her children and proud of her roses. Her favorite music is Gospel. When asked what her favorite Gospel song was, she replied "all of them." We visited with her during a real dry spell. In response to my question on whether it might rain, she said, "the tree frogs are singing." It rained two hours later. Listen and learn!

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Minutes, continued from page 2

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-067 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(D.) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(E.) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(F.) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(G.) ETHICS SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 22-011, Amendment to Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Ethics)

This resolution amends Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding legislative ethics.

Ms. Easterling explained the committee met and discussed amendments to PR22-011.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-011 as amended in committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Mr. Tim Colbert proposed an amendment by deleting the last sentence of Section 16-702 6.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend PR22-011 by striking the last sentence of Section 16-702 6, which would read, "Censure means the formal resolution of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature reprimanding one or more of its own members, for specified conduct." The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Wanda Blackwood Scott

2 no votes

The motion to amend carried.

Mr. Seawright proposed an amendment to add to Section 16-702 4, "as long as it does not conflict with the Constitution."

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 16-702 4. to read, "'Confidential Information' shall include the following as long as it does not conflict with the Constitution." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright,

6 yes votes

Members voting no:

Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

7 no votes

The motion to amend failed.

A vote was taken to approve PR22-011 as amended by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood, Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-011 as amended carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(H.) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-010, Amendments to Title 18, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Purchase Protocol)

This resolution clarifies the protocol to be used in making real property purchases. It clarifies current statutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated Section 18-107 C should reference Section 16-702.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to amend Section 18-107 C to read, "All such information provided by the Governor shall be treated by the Legislature as confidential information pursuant to Section 16-702 et seq." The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott

Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Seawright offered an amendment to the last sentence of Section 18-107 B by adding, "as well as the asking price or negotiated price."

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 18-107 B to read, "The Governor shall also include with such submission pertinent facts relating to the real property, including any proposed or suggested plans for such real property and its appraised value as well as the asking price or negotiated price." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Melvin Burris

1 no vote

The motion to approve the amendment carried.

A vote was taken to approve PR22-010 as amended.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-010 as amended carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments by Mr. James Humes

Mr. Humes made comments regarding proposed legislative action to provide services to all Chickasaws regardless where they reside.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

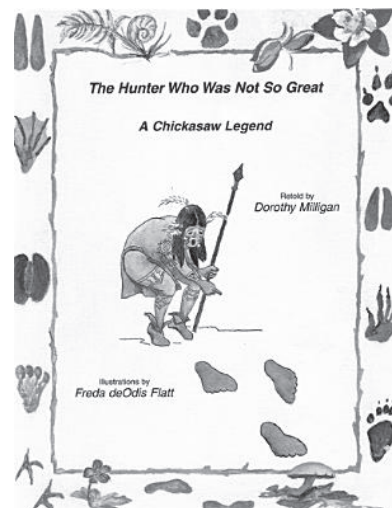
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary Chickasaw
Tribal Legislature

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Oma Pauline
Hokett



Oma Pauline Hokett, 92, Wheatland, Calif., died Sept. 14, 2005.

She was born at Lula, Okla., to Henderson and Bessie Goer.

She graduated from Chilocco in 1931. She was a school bus driver and cook for Plumas-Brophy School District.

She is survived by two sons, Terrell Henderson Hokett and Donovan Lee Hokett; a daughter, Nema Retha Mundt; and a sister, Mary Lois Clifford, Ada, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Hokett; a son, Arwayne Hokett; two grandchildren; and her parents.

Minnie Shields



Services for Minnie Shields, 79, were Sept. 27, 2005 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel in Ada, Okla. The Revs. Osborn Roberts and Donnie Jacob officiating. Burial followed in Steedman Cemetery.

Mrs. Shields died Sept. 24, 2005 at Ada. She was born Sept. 28, 1925, in Mcmillan, Okla., to Charley and Adeline Courtney Allen.

She married Joseph Shields June 22, 1944, in Allen. He died Jan. 5, 1994.

Mrs. Shields lived in the Pontotoc County area all her life. She was a member of the

Johnson Chapel United Methodist Church and involved with Connerville Senior Activities. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Shields is survived by three sons, Charles Shields, Kent Shields and his wife Carol, all of Ada, Harlan Shields, Stonewall, Okla.; eight daughters, Rose Jefferson and husband Gene, Imogene Imotichey-Walker and husband Gary, Louise Shields, Mary Gipson and husband Leslie, Carol Fox and husband Pete, Marla Key and husband Roy, all of Ada, Mae Hamilton and husband Robert, Gayle Clark and husband Scott, all of Mill Creek; a brother, Franklin Allen and wife Mary of Ada; sister-in-law, Lee Fannie Roberts, Tupelo; 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Shields was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Shields; parents, Charley and Adeline Courtney Allen; two sons, Henry Shields and Simon

Shields; three sisters, Winnie Allen, Belle Zora Thomas, and Clara Brown; a grandson, Steven Hamilton; three brothers, Melton Allen, Tandy Allen and Calvin Allen.

Bearers are Ellis Taylor, Junior Wisdom, Stanley Smith, Tony Lewis, Mark Johnson, and James Perry.

Honorary pallbearers are Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Buddy Wesley, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

R.D. Meeks

Services for R.D. Meeks, 92, of the Emet Community, were Sept. 29, 2005 at the Clark Funeral Chapel with Rev. Glenn Clark officiating. Interment followed in Condon Grove Cemetery. Mr. Meeks died Sept. 25, 2005 at Johnston Memorial Hospital.

He was born Oct. 19, 1912 at Mead, Okla., to Reuben and Hilia May Tillery Meeks. He attended school there and moved to Texas in 1929.

He married Gussie Rice, Sept. 23, 1937 at Paris, Texas and worked may years as a tool pusher in the oilfield and as a rental property owner. He moved to Johnston County in 1981 from Monahans, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gussie in 1987; and son Rondal Meeks in 1995.

He is survived by a son, Wallace Meeks of Midland, Texas; a daughter, Norma Clark of Odesa, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.



LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE CHICKASAW NATION
ADA, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Application:
Chenae Traylor,
DOB: 10-29-1983
To Change Her Name.
Case No. CIV-05-27

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons that on the 2nd day of September, 2005, Chenae Traylor filed a petition requesting a change of name and that said petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, Oklahoma on the 8th day of October, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., and any person having any objection may file a written protest to the Petitioner's application prior to the date set for hearing.
Witness my hand this 6 day of September, 2005.

S/Aaron Duck
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE CHICKASAW NATION
ADA, OKLAHOMA

In The Matter Of The
Adoption of:
Sierra Dawn Henson,
A minor Chickasaw child, by

Case No. A-05-13

David Gradick and Sandra Gradick
Petitioners,

Order and alias notice of hearing-application for order determining child to be eligible for adoption without consent of natural parent and for termination of parental rights.

Chickasaw Nation District Court to:
Christina Marie Sayre,
Christina Sayre Henson
Rt. 1
Triangle, Virginia

You are hereby notified that David Gradick and Sandra Gradick have filed a Petition in the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, located at 1500 North Country Club Road, City of Ada, State of Oklahoma, for the adoption of Sierra Dawn Henson, born on December 08, 1995, of which you are alleged to be the natural mother, and have filed an Application for an Order of this Court determining the said child be eligible for adoption without your consent. Said application alleges that your consent to this adoption is not required by law for the following reasons, to-wit:

a. The natural mother has failed to establish and maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the minor child for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition and further for a period for adoption, willfully failed, refused or neglected to provide and contribute to the support of the minor Child in substantial compliance with any decree of a court of competent jurisdiction ordering certain support to be contributed.

You are further notified that this Court will hear the evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Application and on the 25th day of October 2005, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m. at the Courtroom of said District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, in the Courthouse, at Ada, Oklahoma.

You have specific rights under the Indian Child Welfare Acts, 25 U.S.C. Section 1912 (A) and 10 O.S. Section 40.4, including the right to appear at all hearing and the right to court-appointed attorney, if the court determines you are indigent, the right to request an additional twenty days to respond to this action and such other additional rights under the Chickasaw Code and Federal Law regarding this action.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Application and Petition should not be granted by the Court or why the said minor child is not eligible for adoption without your consent you should appear and present the same at the above stated time and place.

You are given notice that failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in the granting of the application for adoption without consent of permanent relinquishment or in the termination of the putative mother's parental rights and in the child's adoption.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal of said Court this 6th day of September, 2005.

S/Aaron Duck
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE CHICKASAW NATION
ADA, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ADOPTION OF:)
)
K. M. W.,)
A Minor Chickasaw Child,)
Born October 3, 2001, by)
)
TIMOTHY W. HALL)
AND MARY L. HALL,)
)

Petitioners.) Case No. A-2005-20

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALLOW THE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Petitioners, Timothy W. Hall and Mary L. Hall, have requested a hearing date on their Petition for Adoption of K. M. W., a minor Chickasaw Child, born October 3, 2001. Petitioners further allege that they have provided for the minor child's care for a period of 12 months before the filing of the Petition for Adoption. Petitioners also seek to waive the interlocutory six-month waiting period.

Whereas the interested parties, including the natural parents, may have certain rights under the tribal laws and under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act, including the right to appear at all hearings and the right to a court-appointed attorney if the court determines you are indigent, the right to request an additional twenty days to respond to this action and such other additional rights under the Chickasaw Code and Federal Law regarding this action;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THIS COURT THAT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, AT 9:00 A.M. HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE TIME FOR HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE CHICKASAW NATION, LOCATED AT 1500 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, ADA, OKLAHOMA, WHEN AND WHERE ALL PERSONS INTERESTED MAY APPEAR AND CONTEST THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHICKASAW CHILD. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, IN WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING OR SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN SAID MINOR CHICKASAW CHILD'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.

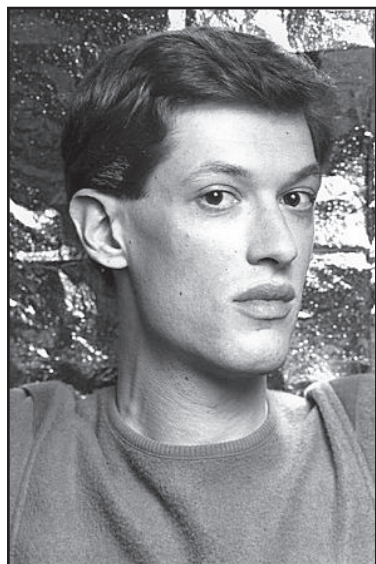
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THIS COURT THAT NOTICE OF SAID HEARING SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND THAT SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING DATE, OR IF THE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, BY PUBLICATION.

DATED this 30th day of August 2005.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:
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Kevin Grey Harris



Kevin Grey Harris, 47, died August 16, 2005.

He was a descendant of the Colberts, McLishs, Fraziers and Chisholms (Cherokee) families. His great-grandmother was Sarah Catherine "Kate" (Lee) Harris, an original enrollee, who attended Bloomfield and was a niece of Gov. Douglas Johnston.

He is survived by his parents, Robert L. Harris, Jr., and Diane S. Johnson; grandfather, Robert L. Harris, Sr., 95; and sister, Noelle C. Harris, all reside in California.

Mr. Harris was an actor/artist.

Beatrice Deloris Tekubie



Beatrice Deloris Tekubie, 67, Ada, Okla., died June 29, 2005. Services were July 2, 2005 at Yellow Springs Church, with Osborne Roberts and Dan McLemore officiating. Burial followed in Yellow Springs Cemetery.

She was born April 19, 1938, at Jesse, Okla., to Frank and

Murtle Gipson Carpenter.

She attended school at Jesse, Hugo and the Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. She was self-employed as a seamstress and attended Ada First Indian Baptist Church.

She married Jimmy Tekubie, who died in the early 1980s.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Albert Carpenter and Benjamin Carpenter.

Survivors include a daughter, Emmaline Carpenter, Coalgate, Okla.; four sisters, Pauline Brown, Harden City, Okla., Dorene Carpenter, Albuquerque, N.M., Paula Carney and Mary Jane McClure, both of Coalgate, Okla.; two brothers, Anderson Shields, Wewoka, Okla., and George Carpenter, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Bearers were Gerald Carpenter, John Carpenter, Daniel Walker, Stanley Factor, Mark Johnson and Larry Harrison.

Honorary bearers were Carol Fox, Pauline Walker, Lefannie Roberts, Minnie Shields, Rose Jefferson, Paula Carney and Lilly Lewis.

Otherine Maytubby Winter

Otherine Maytubby Winter died September 1, 2005. She was born February 9, 1920, in Wapanucka, Okla., to Franklin Maytubby and Vessie Dupre Maytubby.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah McLaughlin; a brother, Franklin Maytubby (Chub/Chief), Colorado Springs; two sisters, Billie Bellmyer, Yoder, Colorado and Carol Spurling, Peyton, Colorado; three grandchildren, Jeannette, Justin (Theresa) and Jesse McLaughlin; and one great-granddaughter, Megan Otherine McLaughlin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Calvin (Snooks) Maytubby.

Funeral Services were September 6, 2005 at Swan Law Cascade Chapel.

Burial was in the Simla Cemetery, Simla, Colorado.



Paul Morris

Paul Morris died August 7, 2005, at The Peaks Care Center.

He was born June 24, 1915, to Frank Morris in Amarillo, Texas.

He married Lucille Thorson on August 20, 1938, in Longmont., Colo. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2003. When Mr. Morris was four, his family moved to Longmont, where he attended school, graduating from Longmont High School in 1934. After graduation, he worked at Hildreth Studios and then for his father at Morris Plumbing & Heating.

During the war years, he worked at Lowry Field, at a steel company in Provo, Utah, and at The Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, Calif. At the end of the war, he returned to Longmont to work for Morris Plumbing & Heating.

After his father's death, Paul and his brother Bob operated Morris Brothers Plumbing until 1961. During his business ownership, he was involved in the community, donated time and labor to build Longmont's first Chamber of Commerce building and believed in a "hand shake" deal. After closing the business, he worked at Rocky Flats/ Dow Chemical from 1961 to 1979.

Paul was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Indian Nation. He was honored in 2003 by the Plumbers Local Union 2003 for 60 years of service. He was a member of the St. Vrain Lodge No. 23 A.F. & A.M., proudly wearing his Masonic ring for 70 years. He belonged to the National Riffle Association and local rifle clubs for many years. After retirement, he enjoyed tinkering in his shop, making picture frames, solving work puzzles and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ruth; a son; Richard; and a grandson, John Paul Hafner.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; a son, James and his wife Donna; a daughter JoAnn Hafner and her husband Gary; a daughter-in-law, Connie Morris, all of Longmont; a brother, Bob of New Mexico; a sister, Betty Joe Hergenreder of Longmont;

his grandchildren, Traci Morris-Carlsten, Kelly Morris, Brent Morris and his wife Paige, Amy Even and her husband Brian, and Cody Hafner; and his great-grandchildren, Madison and Chase Morris.

Interment service was August 11, at Longmont Mountain View Cemetery followed by a memorial service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Rev. Matthew Bolz-Weber officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the OUR Center in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry Street, Longmont 80501. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to leave a message for the family.



John Henry Ellis

John Henry Ellis, 78, Tupelo, Okla., died Sept. 5, 2005. Services were September 9, 2005 at Tupelo Church of Christ with Wendell Ingram officiating and Robin Duke assisting. Burial followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Ellis was born December 19, 1926 at Stonewall, Oklahoma to Paul A. Ellis and Vinnie Alice (McAlester) Ellis.

He attended school at Eureka, Okla. He was a B&B foreman for Union Pacific Railroad, a farmer and a rancher. He attended the Tupelo Church of Christ, and was a member of The Coon Hunters Association, Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, American Legion and Eubanks Domino Place.

He married Patrick (Patsy) Reed on June 26, 1948 at Coalgate, Oklahoma. From this marriage came five children, John Clifton Ellis and wife, Linda, of Holdenville, Okla., Lionel Lee (Bubby) Ellis and wife Debra of Marshall, Texas, Debra June Ellis-Clubine and husband Robert of Independence, Mo., Charles Richard (Boo) Ellis and wife Jeanie of Tupelo, and Ruby Nadine (Ellis) Ashley, who preceded him in death.

He later married Latrelle Brown on December 21, 1967 at Durant, Oklahoma. She had two daughters: Cynthia LaDawn Ragsdale of Lindale, Texas and Ramona Dee Bunch and husband Terry of Konawa, Okla.

He is survived by a brother, Aaron Ellis and wife June of Tupelo; a sister, Lola (Ellis) Yaryan and husband Wayne of Oklahoma City; thirteen grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Vinnie Ellis; a daughter, Ruby Nadine (Ellis) Ashley; a brother, W.B.P. (Tudor) Ellis; a sister, Pauline (Ellis) Smith; a granddaughter, Felicia Ellis; and a great-grandson, Jaden Josiah Heiser.

Peggy Mildred Clapp

Peggy Mildred Clapp, 73, Del City, Okla., died Sept. 26, 2005. Services were Sept. 29, 2005 at Candlewood Chapel. Burial followed at Arlington Memory Gardens.

She was born at home south of Centrahoma, Okla., Oct. 6, 1931 to Oscar (Bill) and Josephine (Roberts) Matthews.

She married Jack B. Clapp at Bonham, Texas in 1961.

She graduated from Centrahoma High School. She worked at Blue Bell as a seamstress and Townsend Elementary as a cafeteria worker. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Brooks; brothers, P.L. Matthews and John Matthews; parents, Bill and Josephine Matthews.

She is survived by daughter, Connie Myrick; son, Jim Clapp and wife, Tammy; son-in-law, Jackie Brooks; sisters, Juanita Wheeler and husband M.L. (Mac), Betty Collins and husband, Durrett, and Billie Jones and husband, William; brother, Jack Matthews; grandchildren, Danelle (Dani) Myrick, Jamie and Jesse Clapp, Stevie Routh and Jared Brooks.

